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# SONIC

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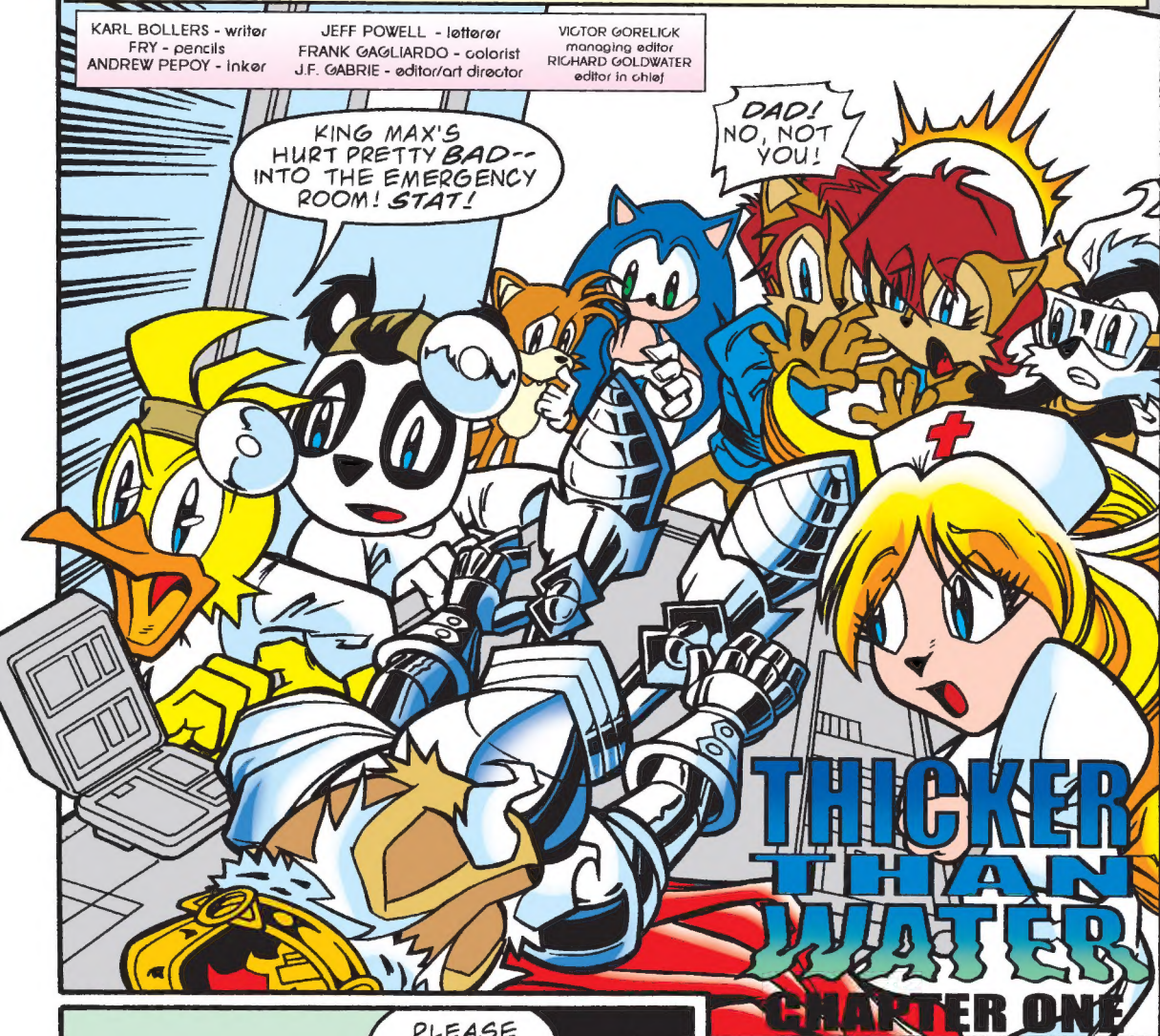


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...I TRUSTED YOU TO PROTECT HIM. WHAT WENT WRONG?

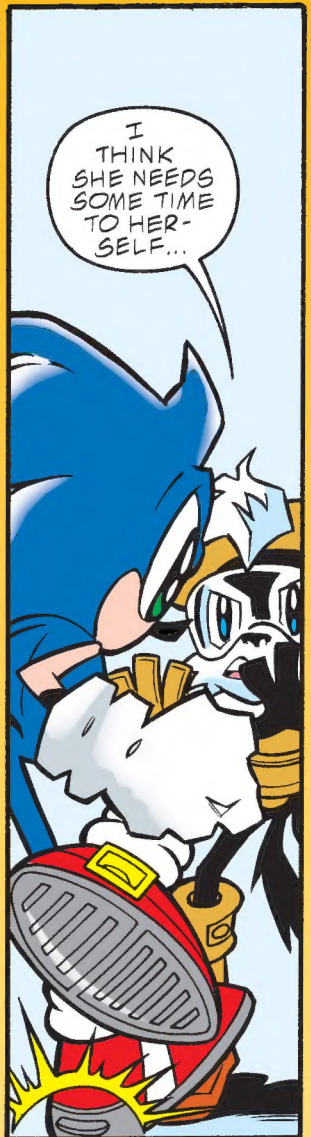


PRINCESS SALLY... SONIC HAD NO CHOICE OTHER THAN TO LEAVE THE KING'S SIDE--

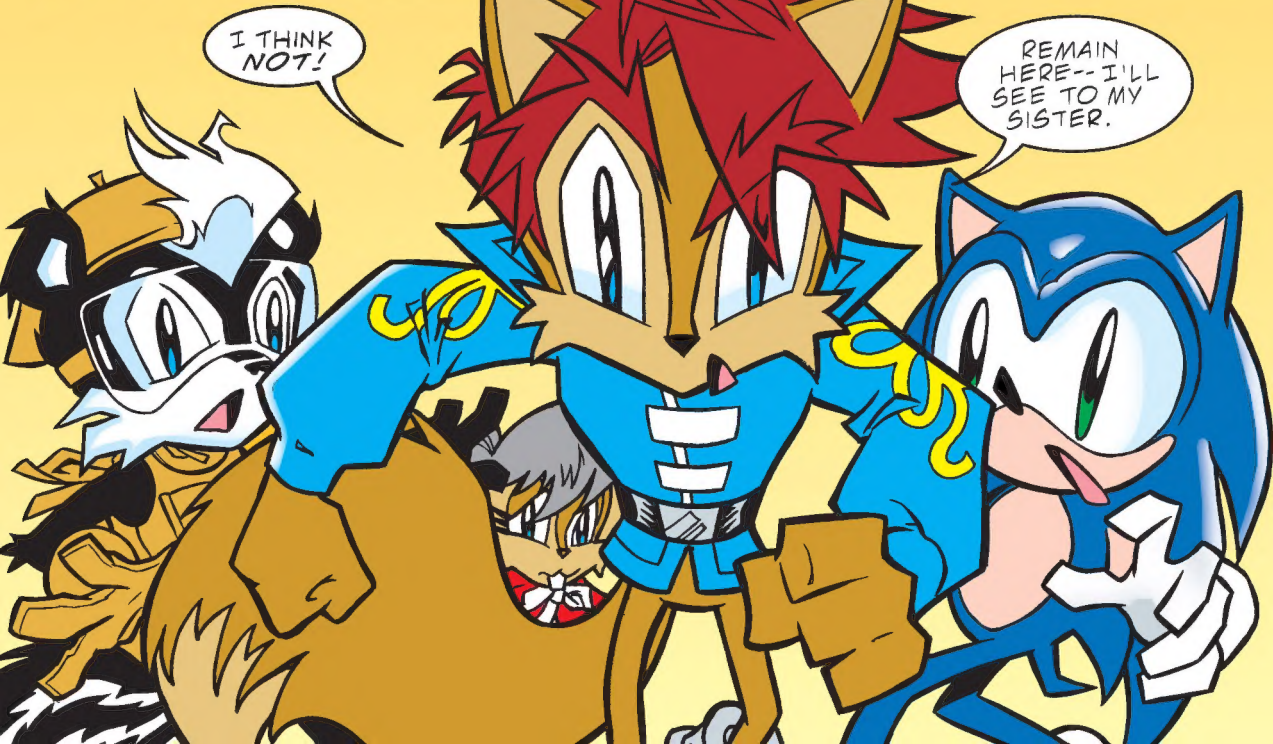


~SOB~

SAL-- WAIT!



I THINK SHE NEEDS SOME TIME TO HER-SELF...



I THINK NOT!

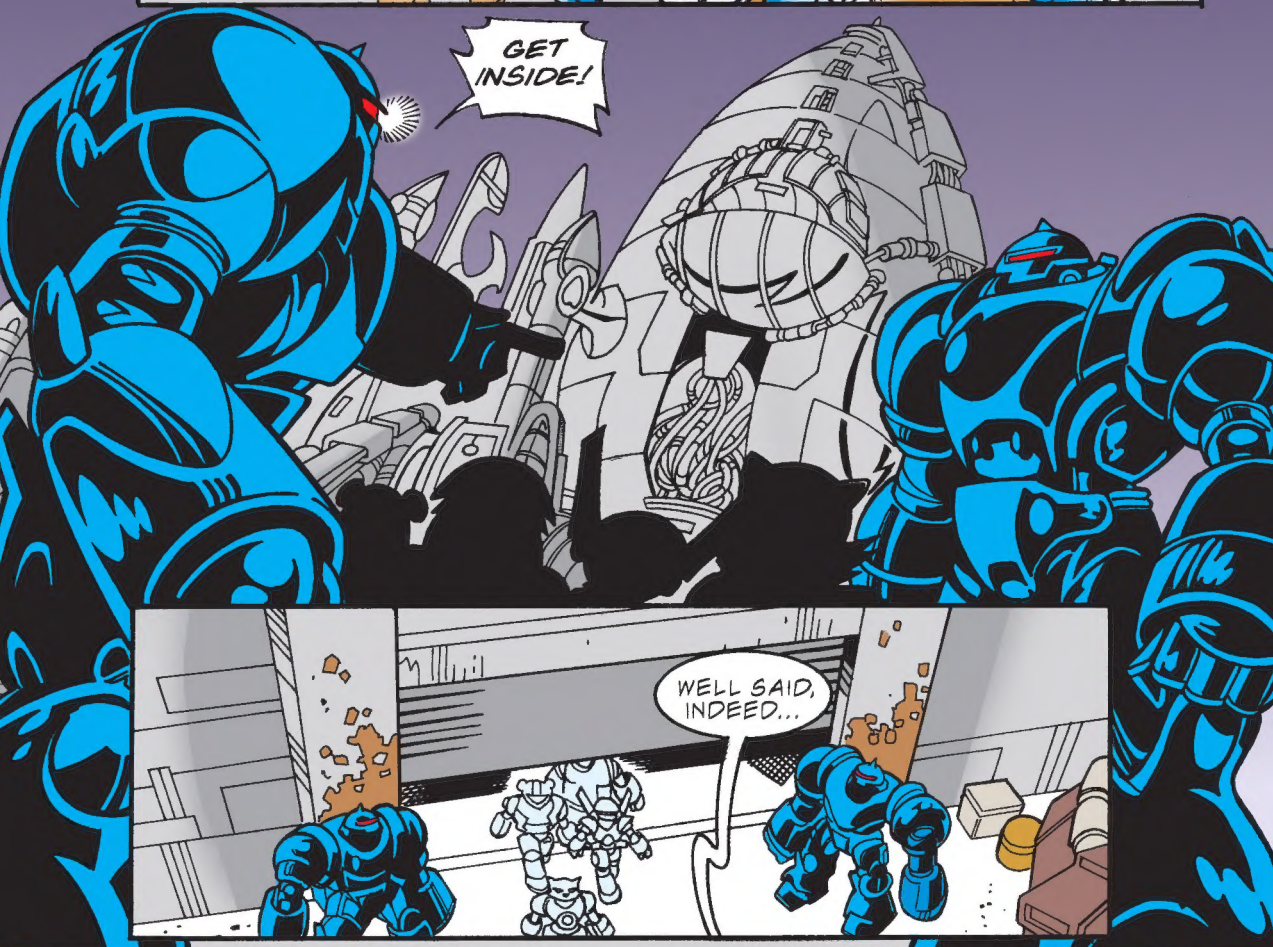
REMAIN HERE-- I'LL SEE TO MY SISTER.



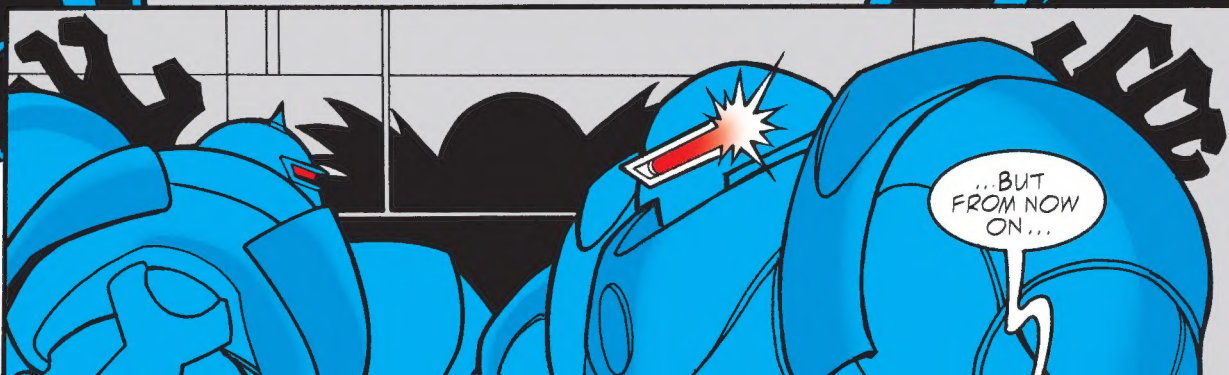
ROBOTROPOLIS...



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INSIDE!

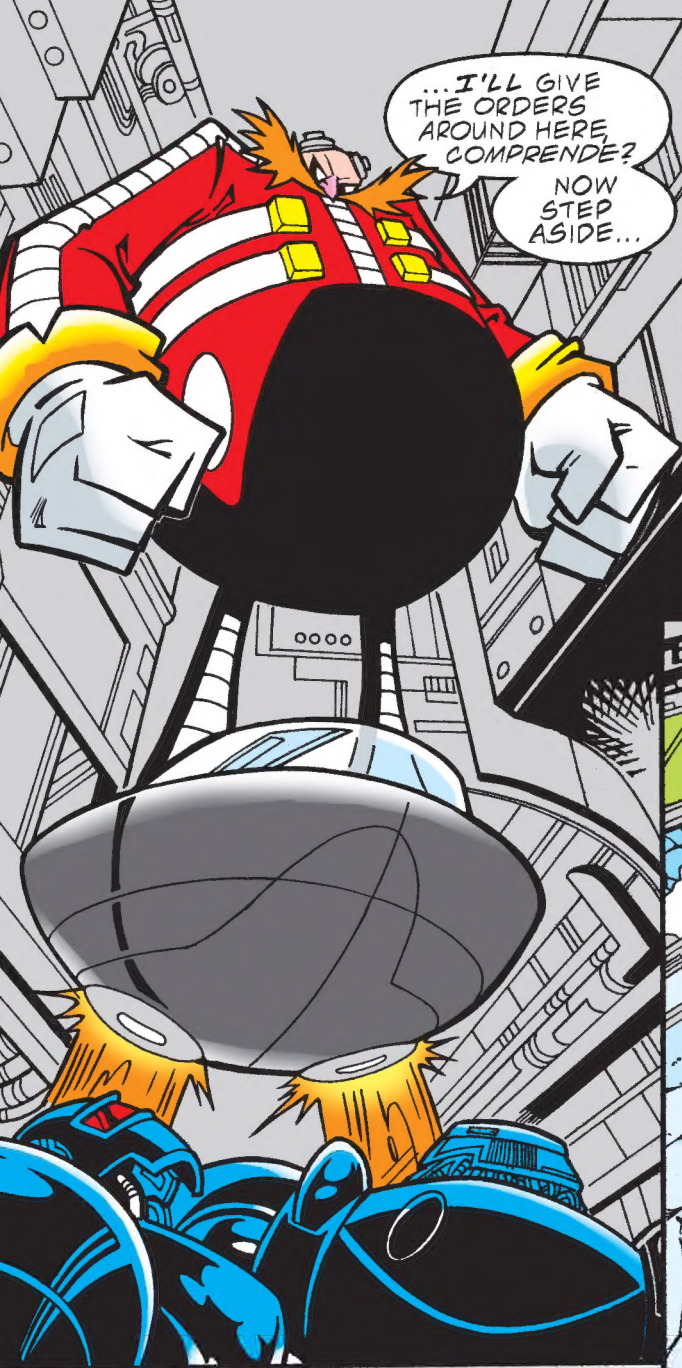


WE'LL SAID,  
INDEED...

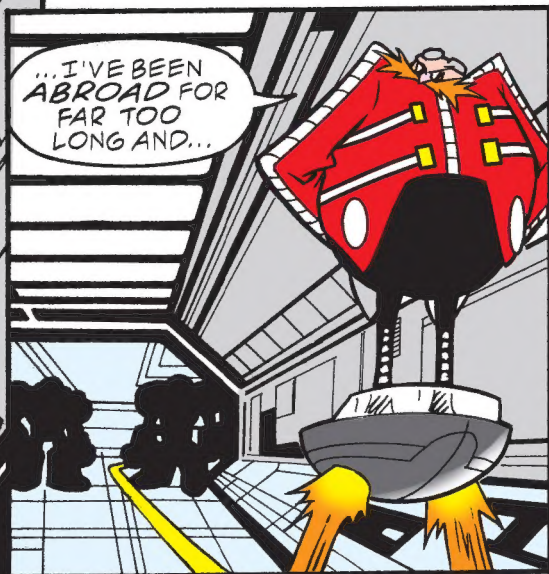


...BUT  
FROM NOW  
ON...

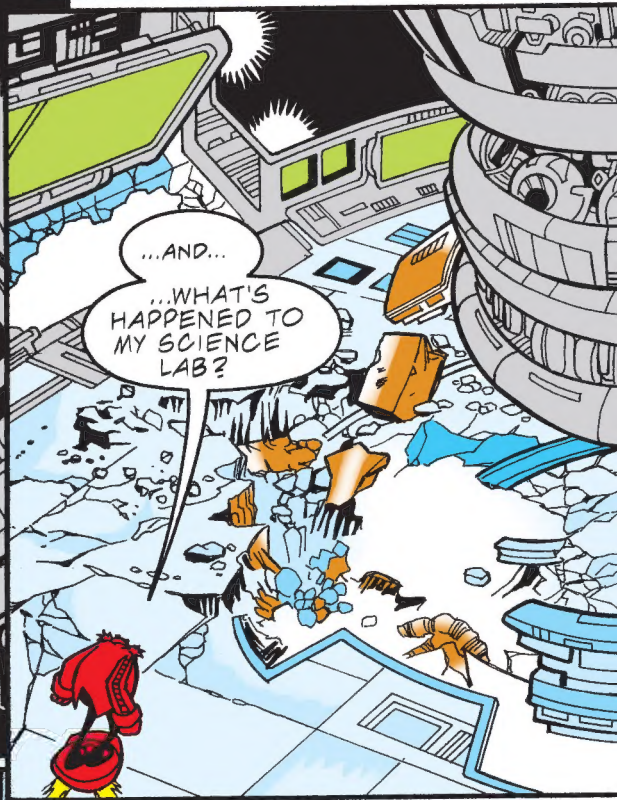




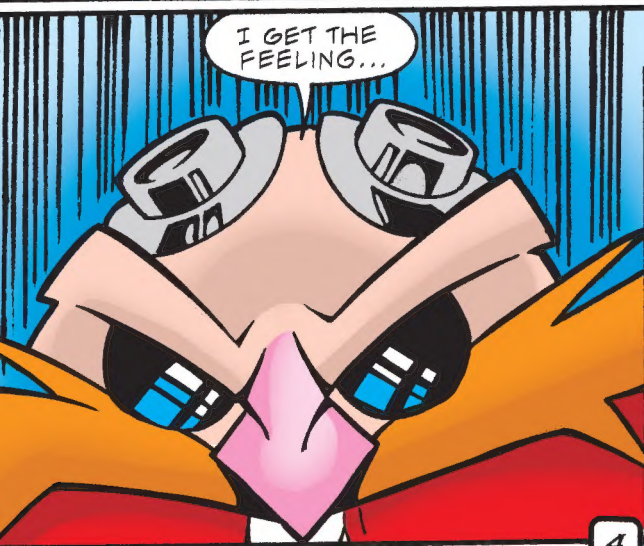
...I'LL GIVE  
THE ORDERS  
AROUND HERE  
COMPRENDE?  
NOW  
STEP  
ASIDE...



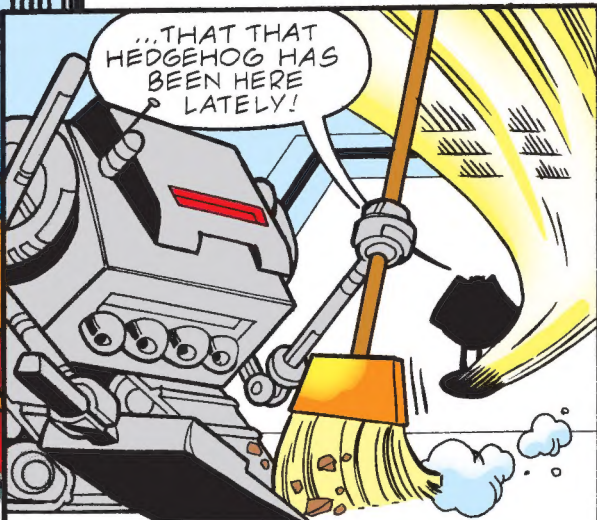
...I'VE BEEN  
ABROAD FOR  
FAR TOO  
LONG AND...



...AND...  
...WHAT'S  
HAPPENED TO  
MY SCIENCE  
LAB?

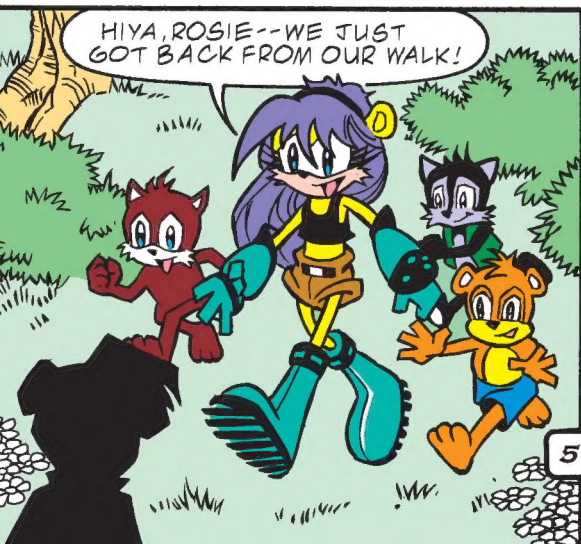
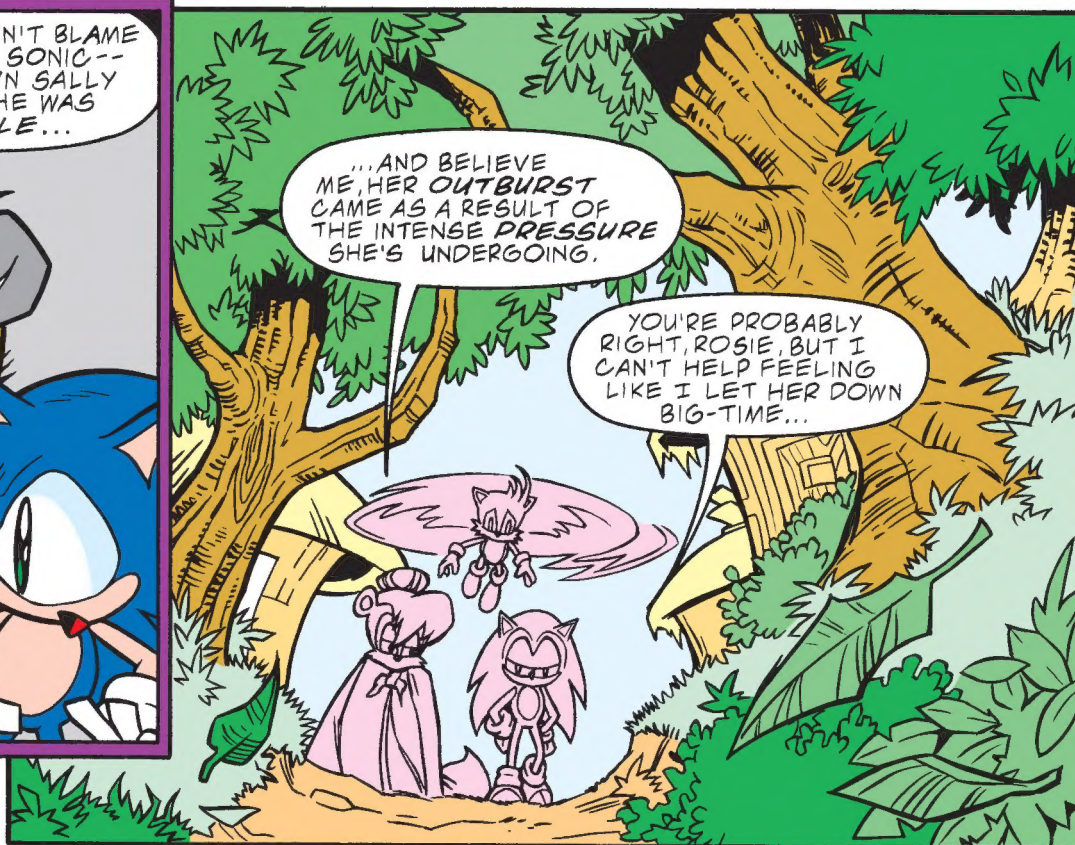
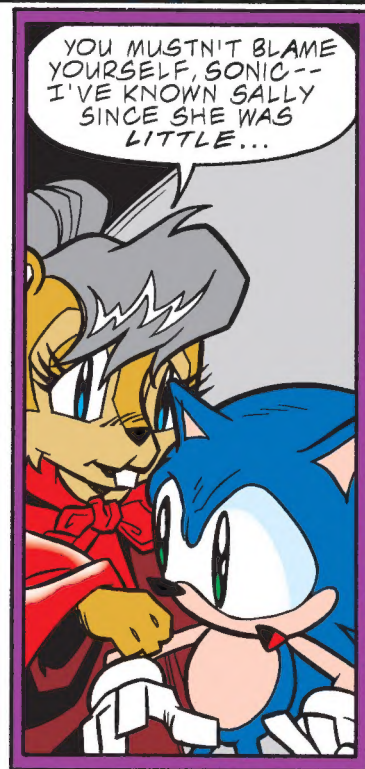


I GET THE  
FEELING...

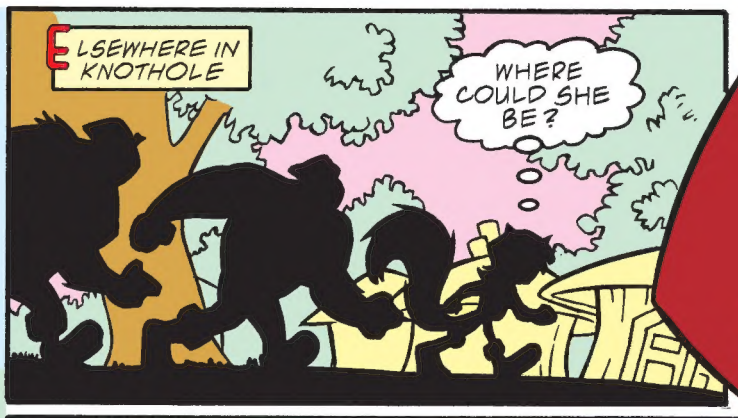


...THAT THAT  
HEDGEHOG HAS  
BEEN HERE  
LATELY!

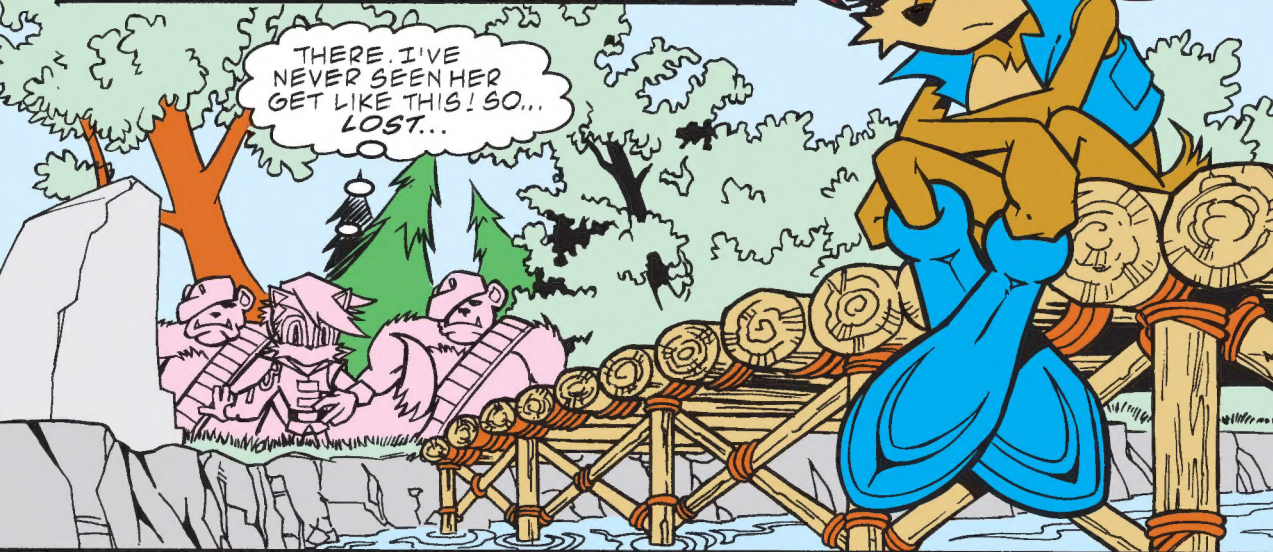




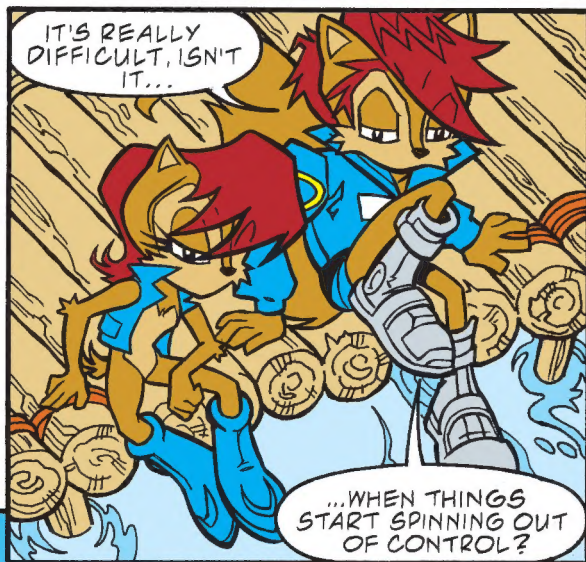




WHERE COULD SHE BE?



THERE, I'VE NEVER SEEN HER GET LIKE THIS! SO... LOST...



IT'S REALLY DIFFICULT, ISN'T IT...

...WHEN THINGS START SPINNING OUT OF CONTROL?

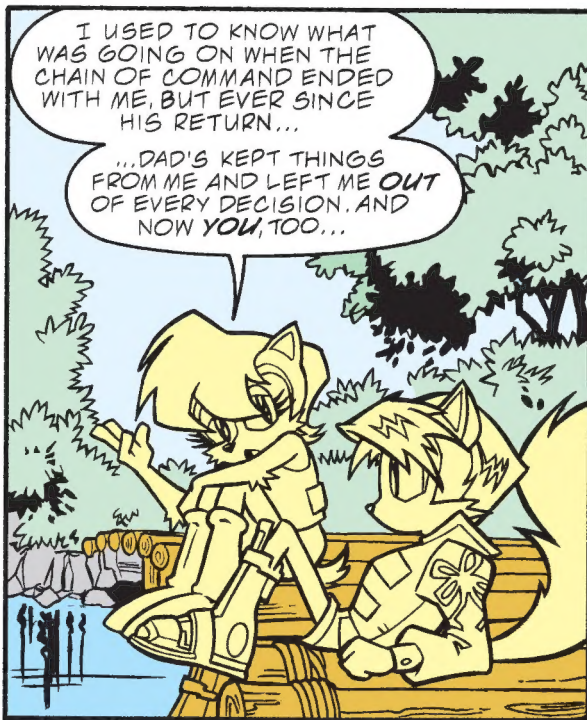


START? THEY'VE BEEN SPINNING OUT OF CONTROL FOR SOME TIME NOW.



HOW SO?





I USED TO KNOW WHAT WAS GOING ON WHEN THE CHAIN OF COMMAND ENDED WITH ME, BUT EVER SINCE HIS RETURN...

...DAD'S KEPT THINGS FROM ME AND LEFT ME OUT OF EVERY DECISION. AND NOW YOU, TOO...



YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT, SALLY, AND IT WAS **WRONG** OF ME TO DO SO.

YOU SHOULD'VE BEEN INFORMED OF MOTHER'S CONDITION BEFORE YOU'D LEFT FOR THAT **HIDDEN CITY OF THE OLD ONES...**

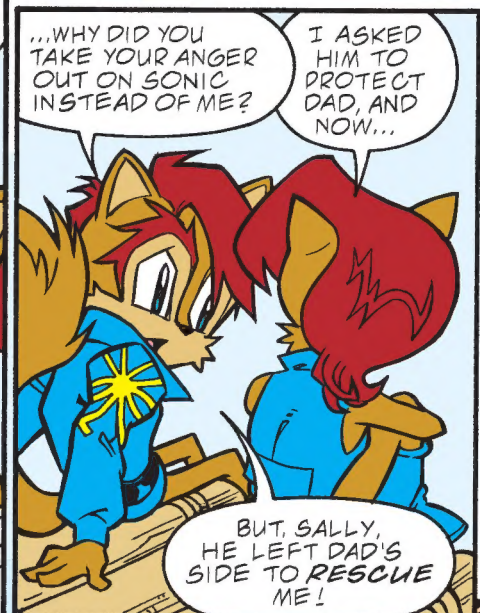
ANCIENTS.



I'M NOT READY TO LOSE MOM AND DAD.

SEE? FATHER SHOULD'VE APPOINTED YOU THE SUCCESSOR TO THE THRONE. YOU HAVE A **KNACK** FOR IT...

NOR I. BUT TELL ME...



...WHY DID YOU TAKE YOUR ANGER OUT ON SONIC INSTEAD OF ME?

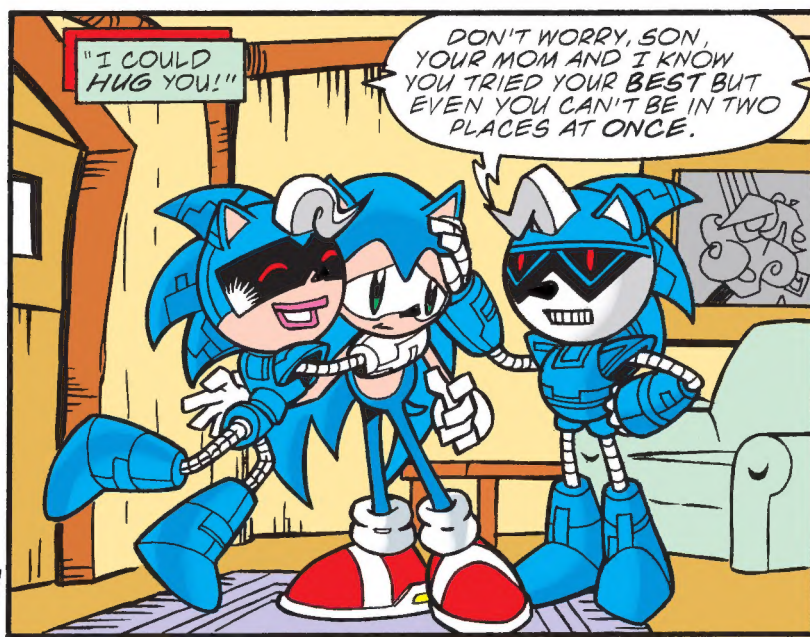
I ASKED HIM TO PROTECT DAD, AND NOW...

BUT, SALLY, HE LEFT DAD'S SIDE TO **RESCUE** ME!



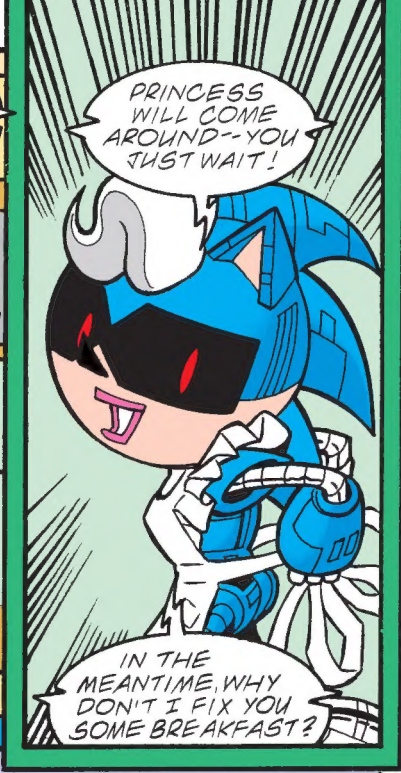
OH, SONIC!





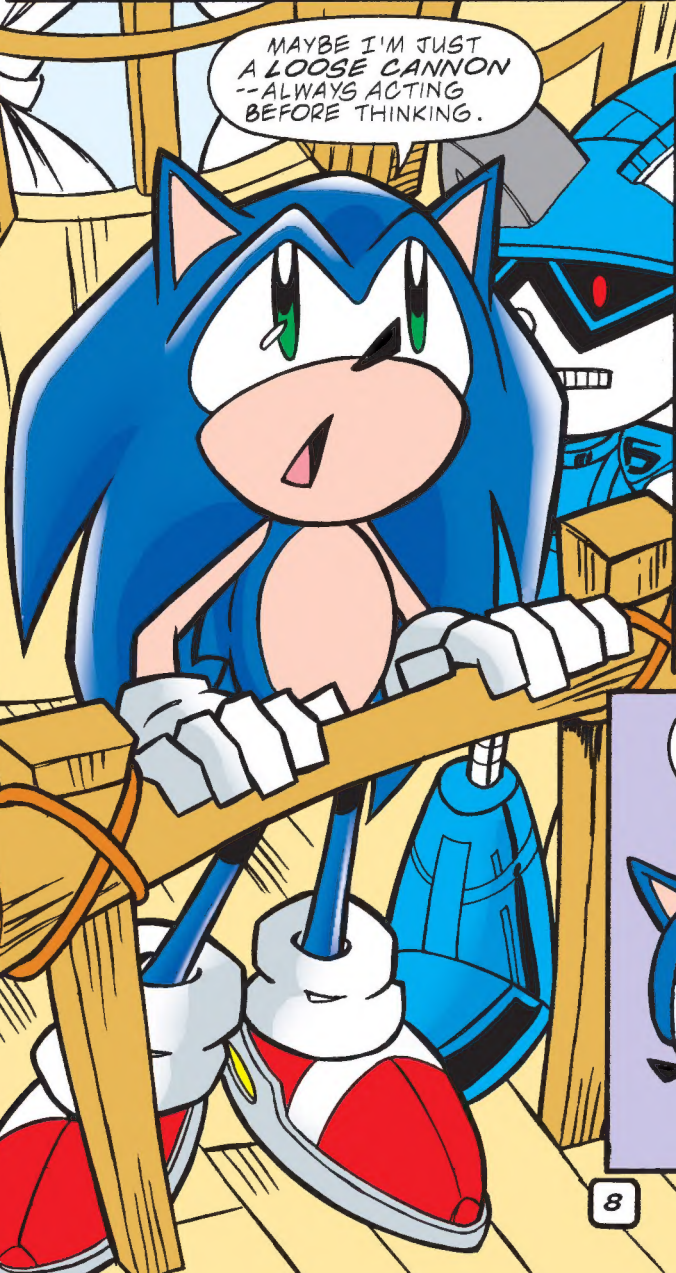
"I COULD HUG YOU!"

DON'T WORRY, SON, YOUR MOM AND I KNOW YOU TRIED YOUR BEST BUT EVEN YOU CAN'T BE IN TWO PLACES AT ONCE.



PRINCESS WILL COME AROUND--YOU JUST WAIT!

IN THE MEANTIME, WHY DON'T I FIX YOU SOME BREAKFAST?



MAYBE I'M JUST A LOOSE CANNON --ALWAYS ACTING BEFORE THINKING.



I--



I WISH UNCLE CHUCK WERE HERE. HE HAD ALL THE ANSWERS...



# THICKER THAN WATER

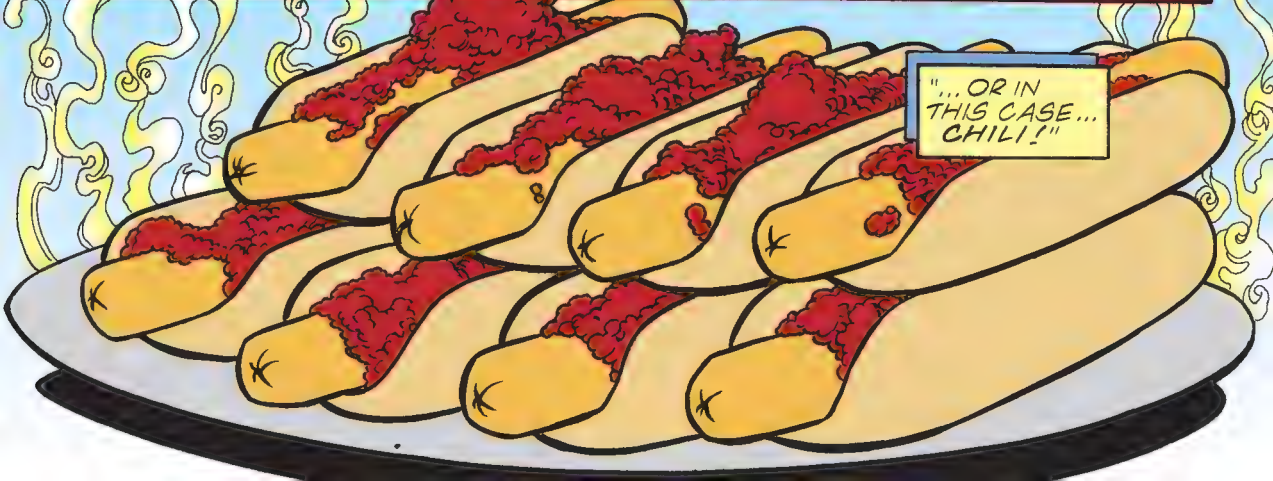
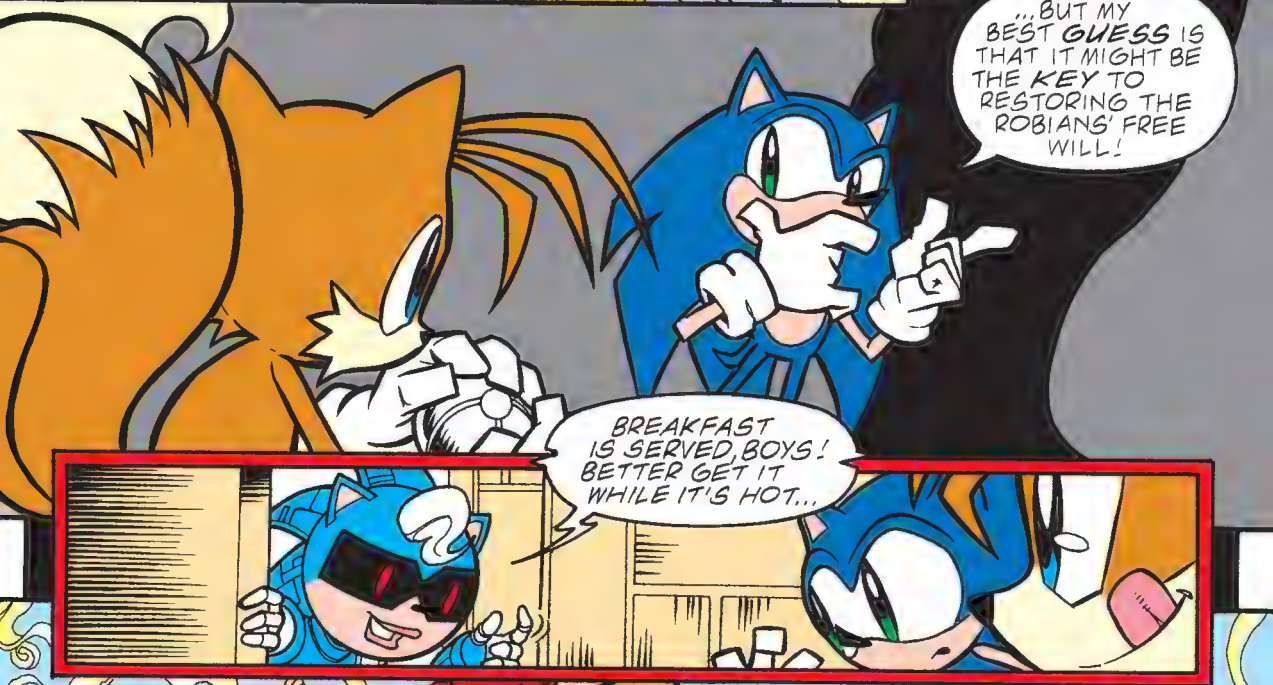
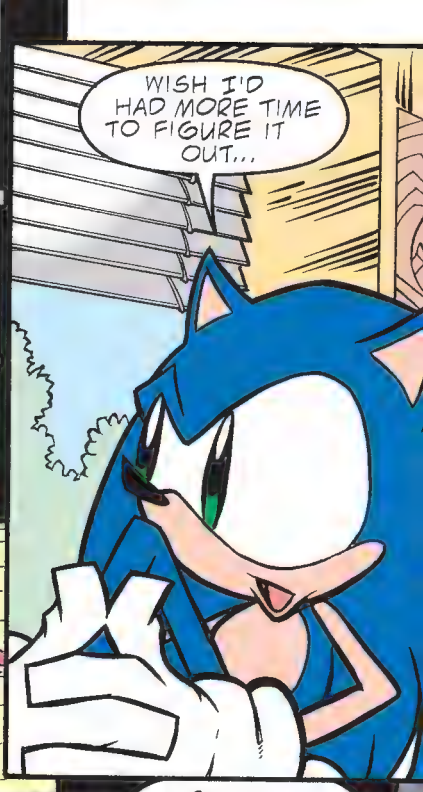
## CHAPTER TWO

SONIC AND  
COMPANY ACTUALLY  
HAD THE NERVE TO  
STORM MY BASE OF  
OPERATIONS?

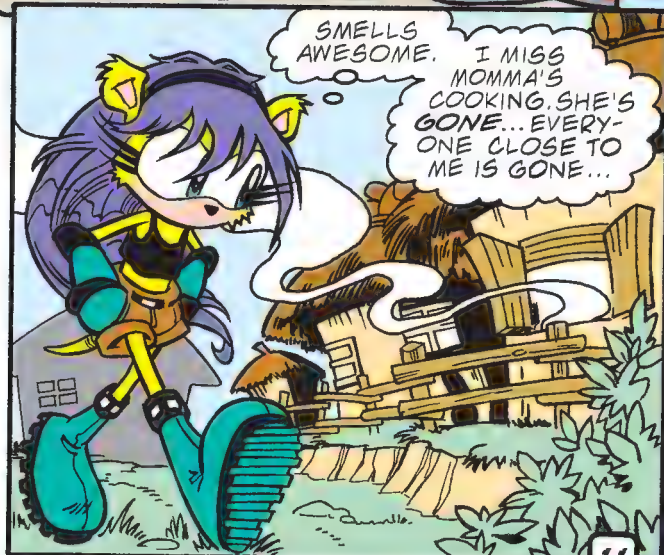
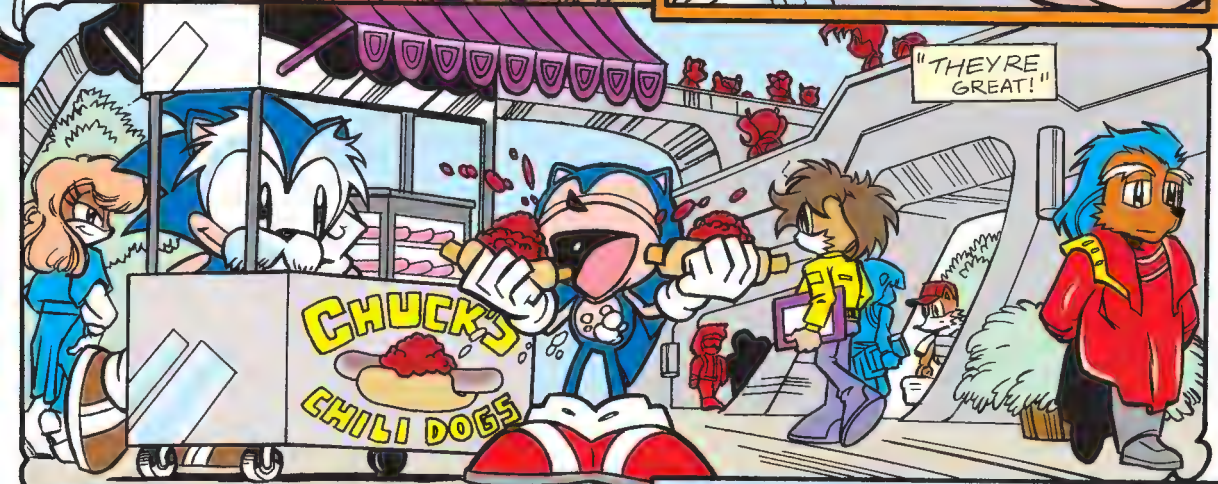
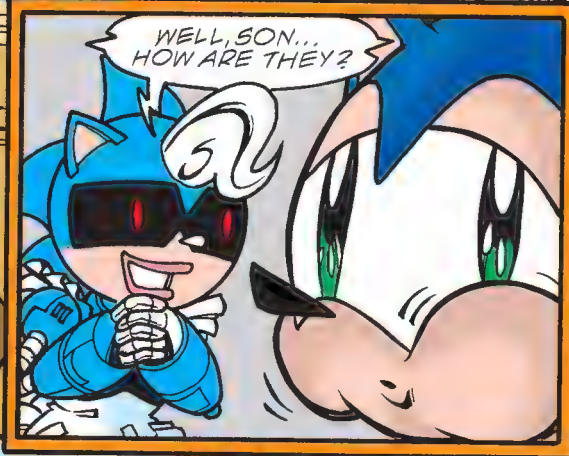
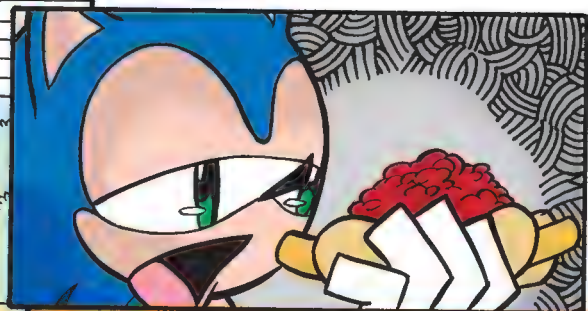
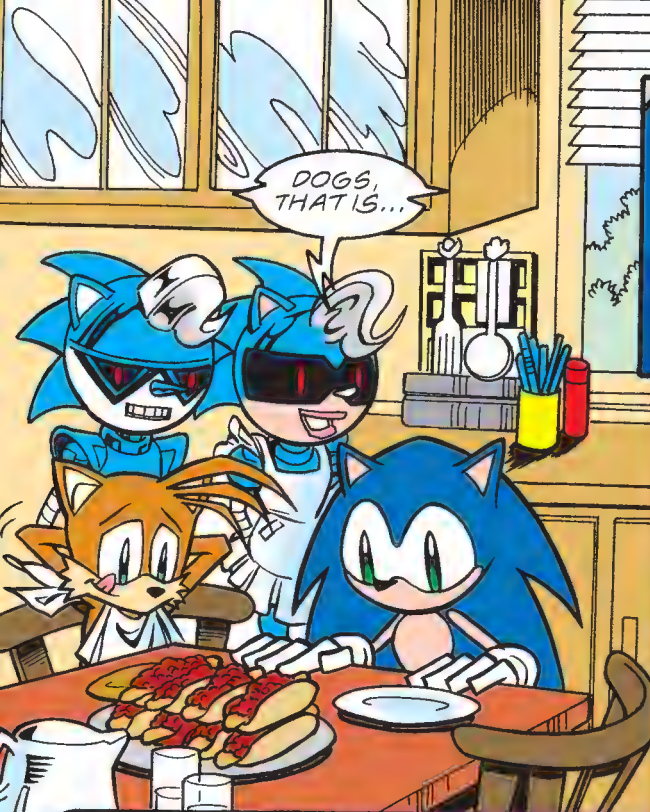
"AND THE KING'S  
SWORD SOME-  
HOW RESTORED  
FREE WILL TO  
THE HEDGE-  
HOG'S UNCLE  
AND PET DOG?"

FIND ME  
THAT WEAPON  
AT ONCE!

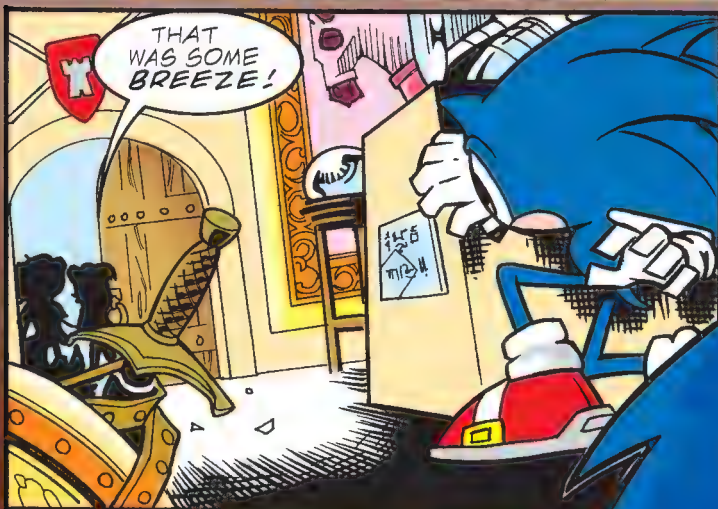
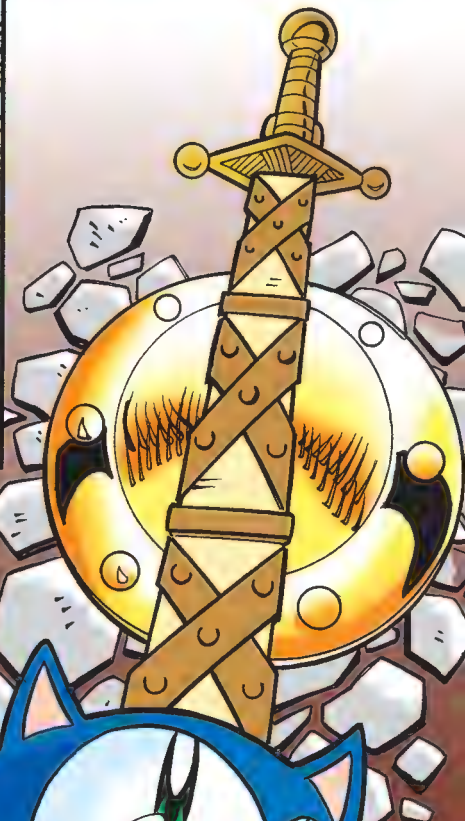
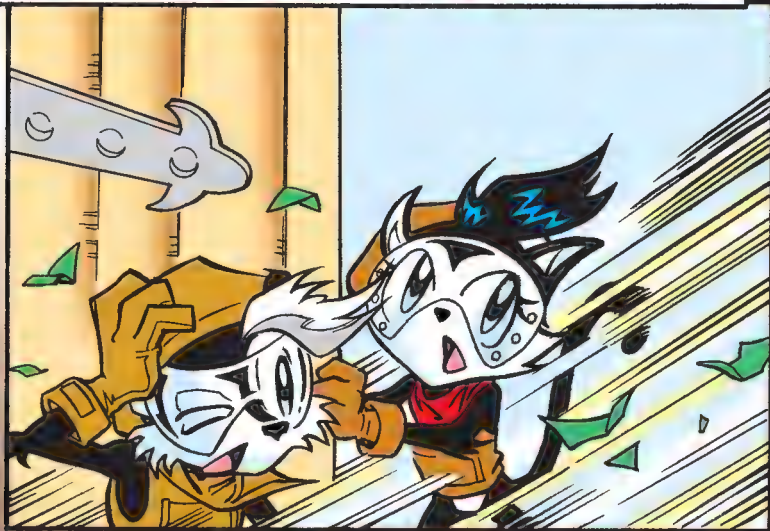
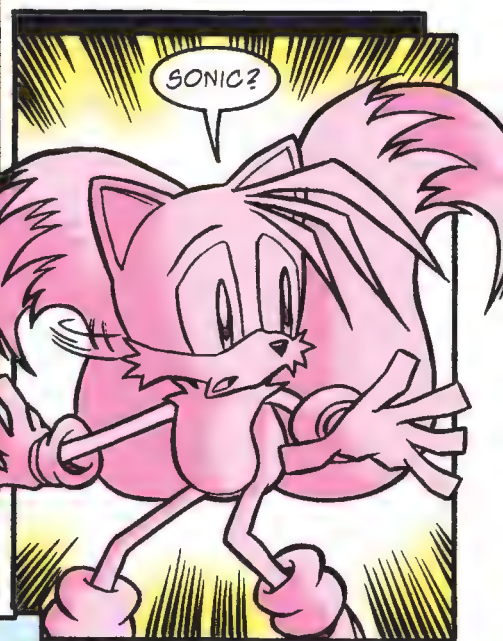
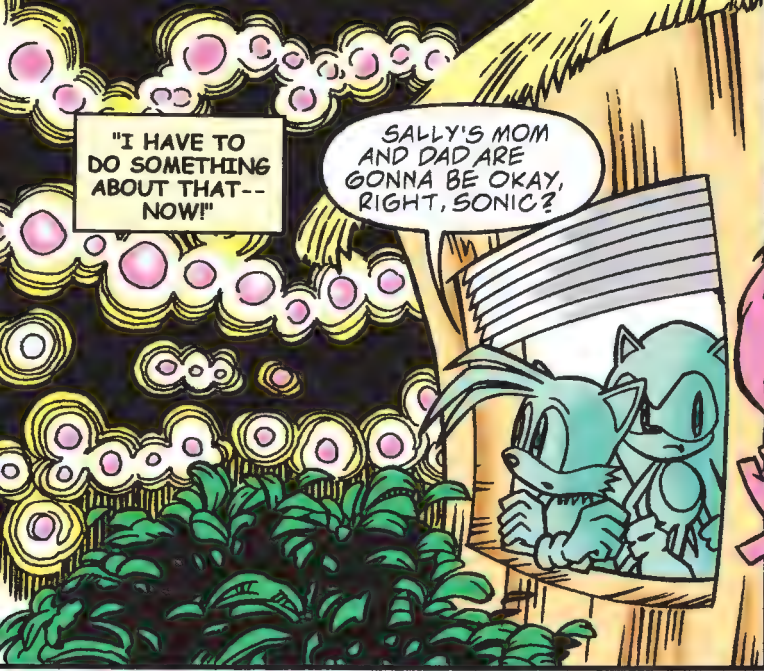




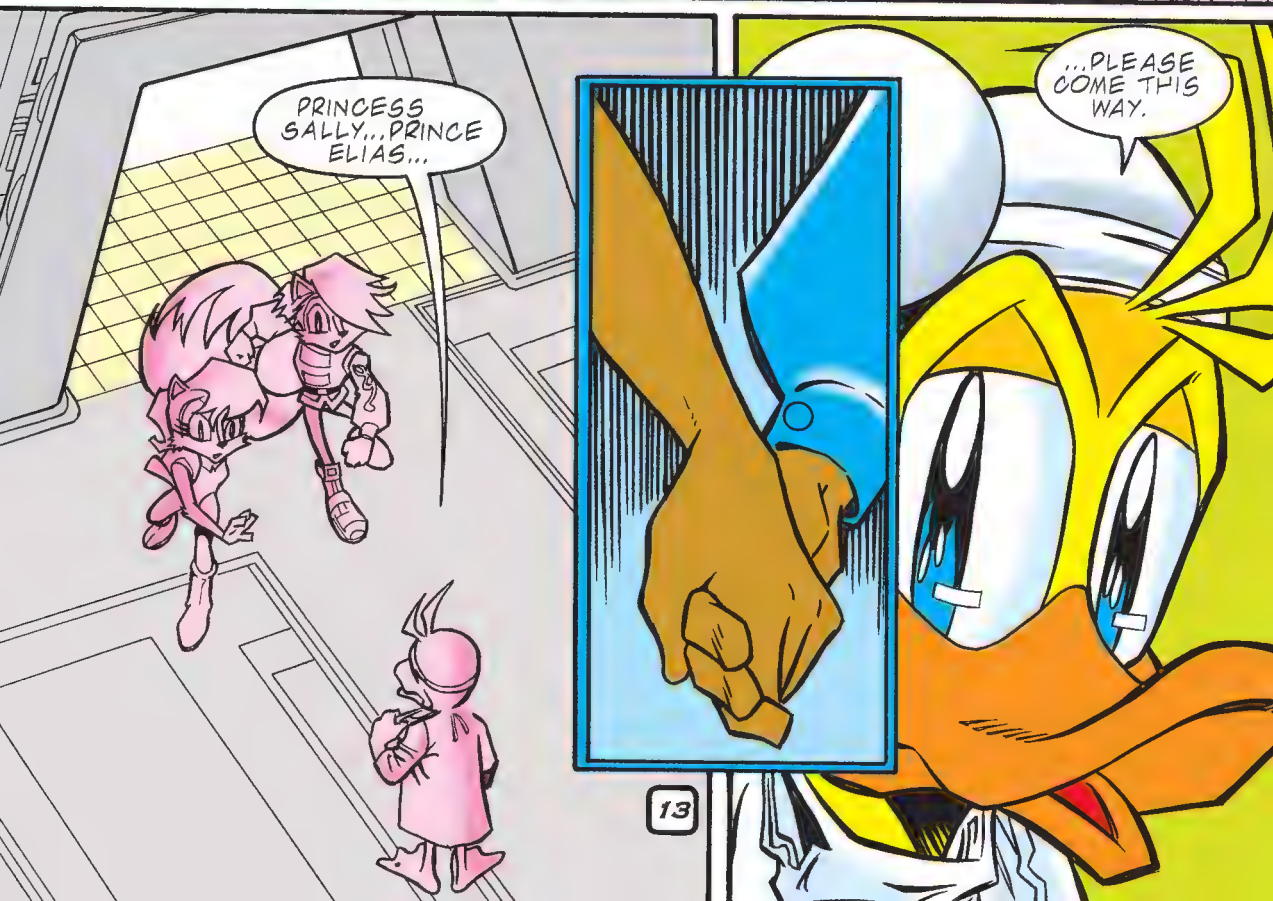
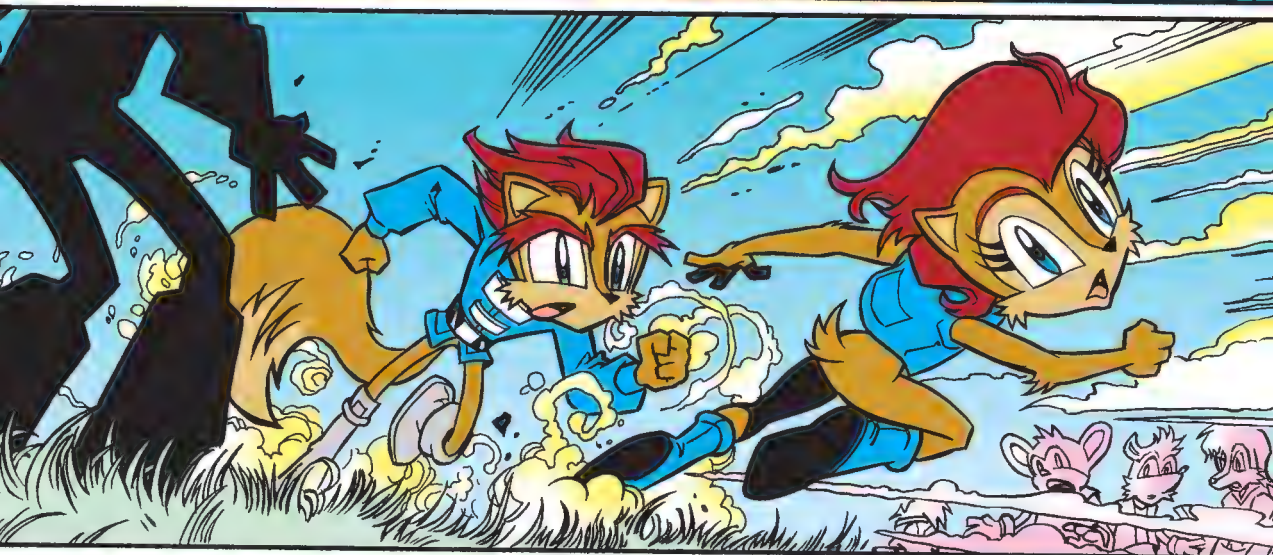




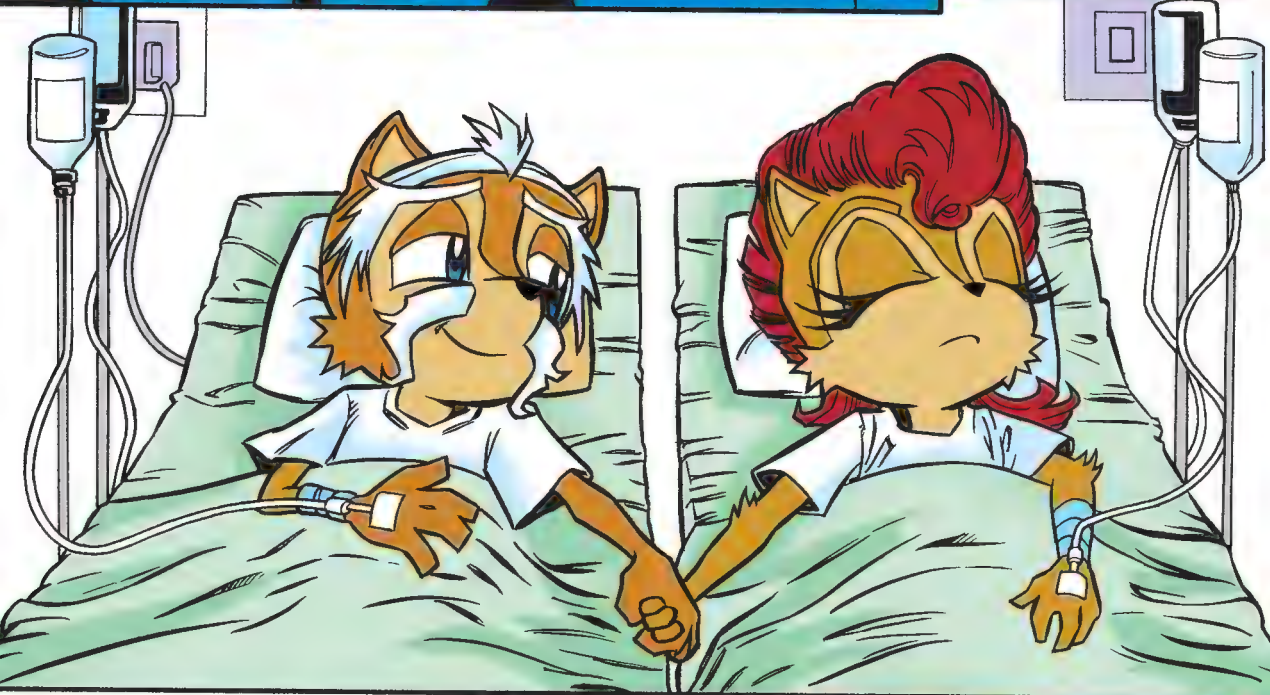
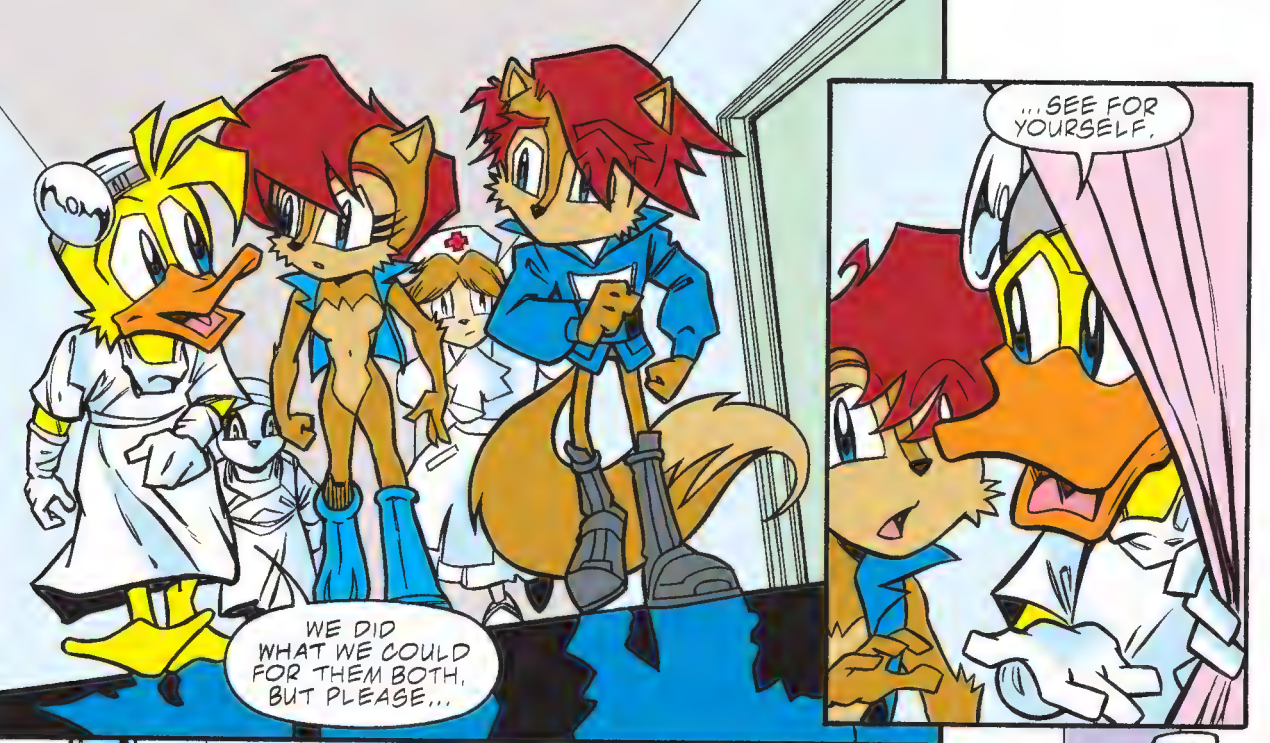




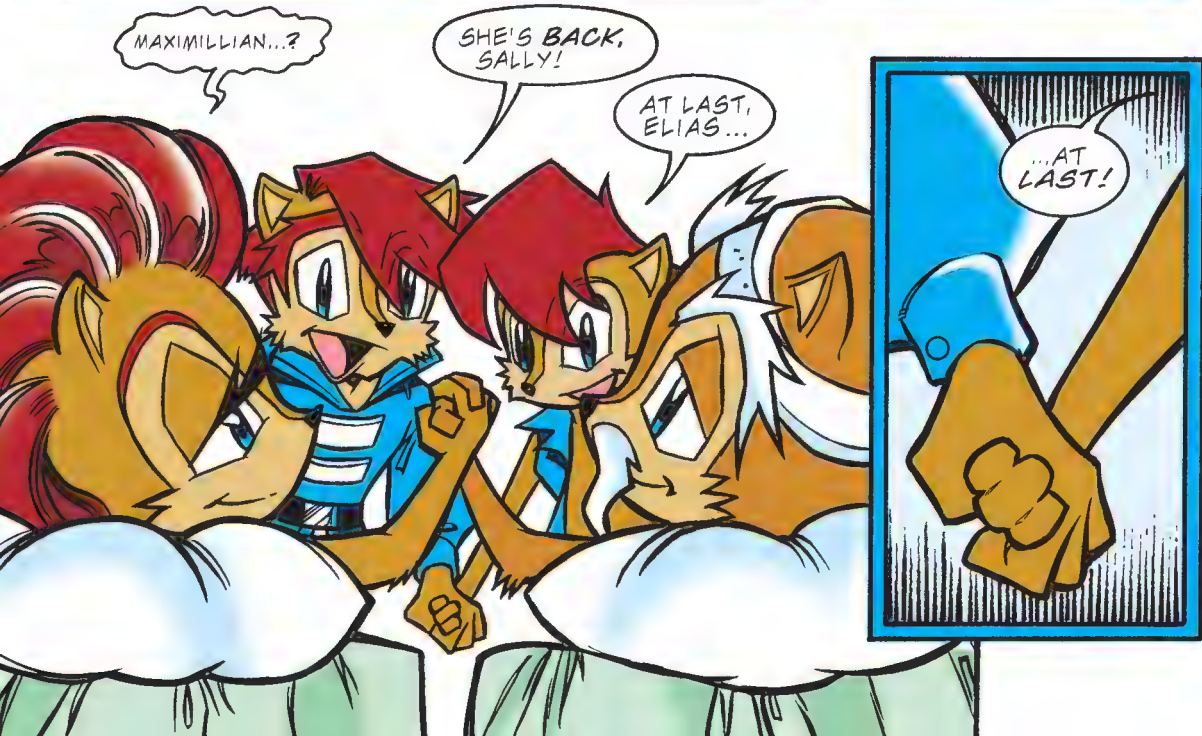
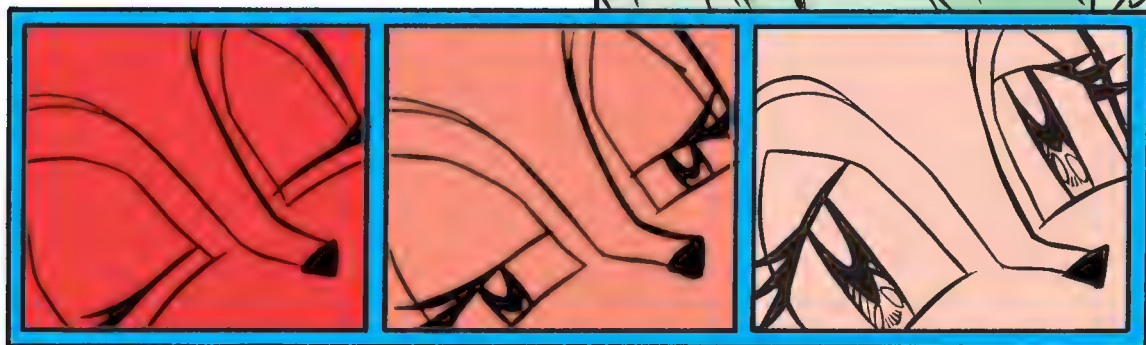
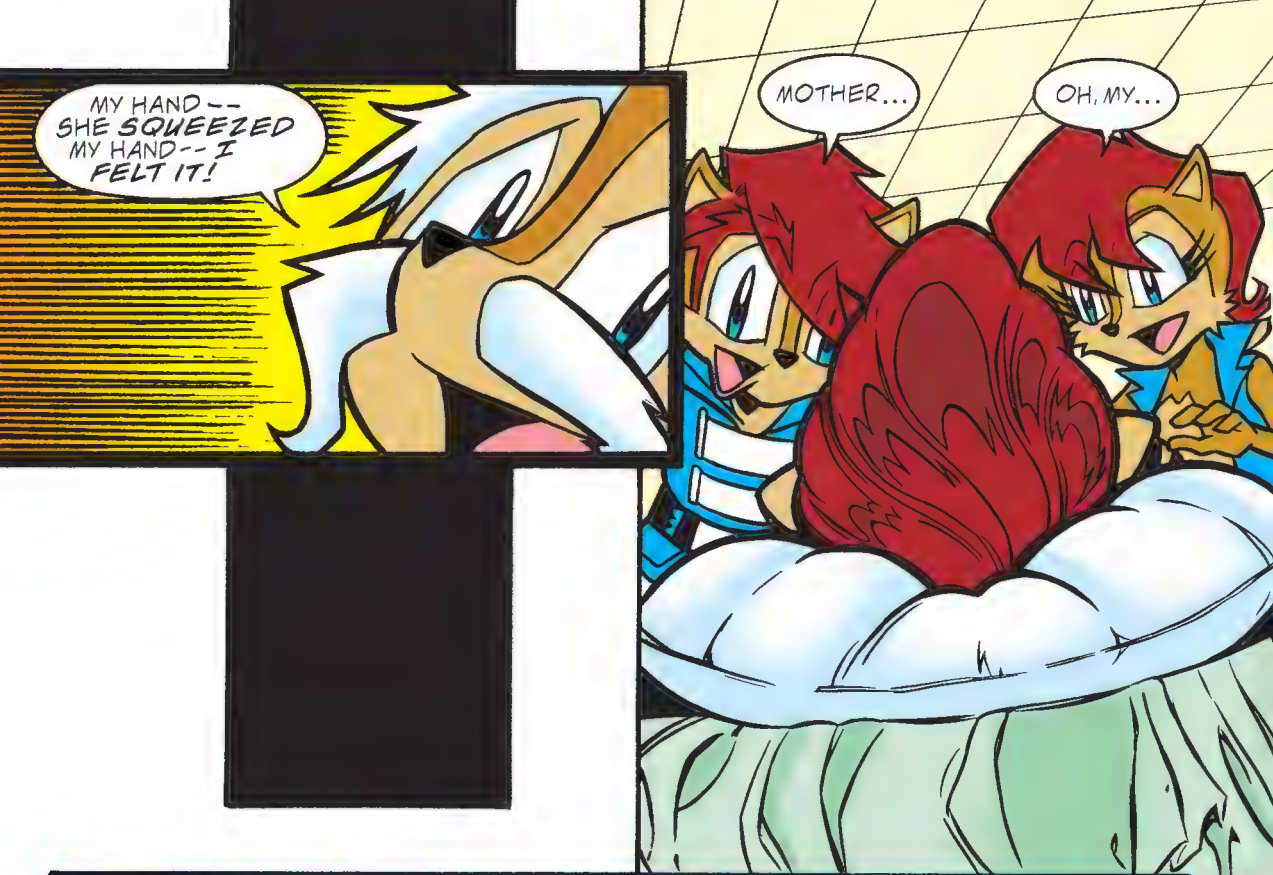
















**TO BE  
CONTINUED!**



Born to the most noble of Echidna houses, the latest to continue the family heritage and responsibility as Guardian of The Floating Island, defender of all against the forces of evil from the world beyond as well as those who would threaten from within!

ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA!

KNUCKLES HAS SET OFF ON A QUEST TO LEARN THE FATE OF WHAT HAPPENED TO THE FLOATING ISLAND AND ALL WHO LIVED UPON IT. HIS TRAVELS HAVE BROUGHT HIM HERE, TO SPOTTINGHAM FOREST AND OLD FRIENDS.

## A MATTER OF SELF INTEREST

UPON COMPARING NOTES, IT WAS DECIDED THAT ANSWERS MIGHT BE FOUND ACROSS THE CHANNEL ON THE ISLAND HOMELAND OF THE ECHIDNA RACE, ALBION! AND SO IT IS WE FIND KNUCKLES AND COMPANY SETTING SAIL UNDER A PALE MOONLIGHT...

DIDN'T THOU WALK ACROSS THE WATER'S SURFACE LAST WE MET?

YEAH! BUT I HAVE THIS THING ABOUT WATER AND TEMPTING FATE!

WHATEVER WERE YOU DOING HEAH, SUGAH-KNUCKLES?

I THOUGHT YOU USUALLY STAY ON THE FLOATING ISLAND!

FRIEND KNUCKLES HERE WAS MAKING A HOLY PILGRIMAGE TO REUNITE A LOST TRIBE WITH THEIR KIN!

ALONG THE WAY, WE HELD HARD AND DEFEATED THE DREADED SHERIFF!

UNFORTUNATELY, WE NE'ER SANG OR CELEBRATED OUR GREAT VICTORY TOGETHER!

WHATE'ER DID BECOME OF YOU AFTER, MY FRIEND?





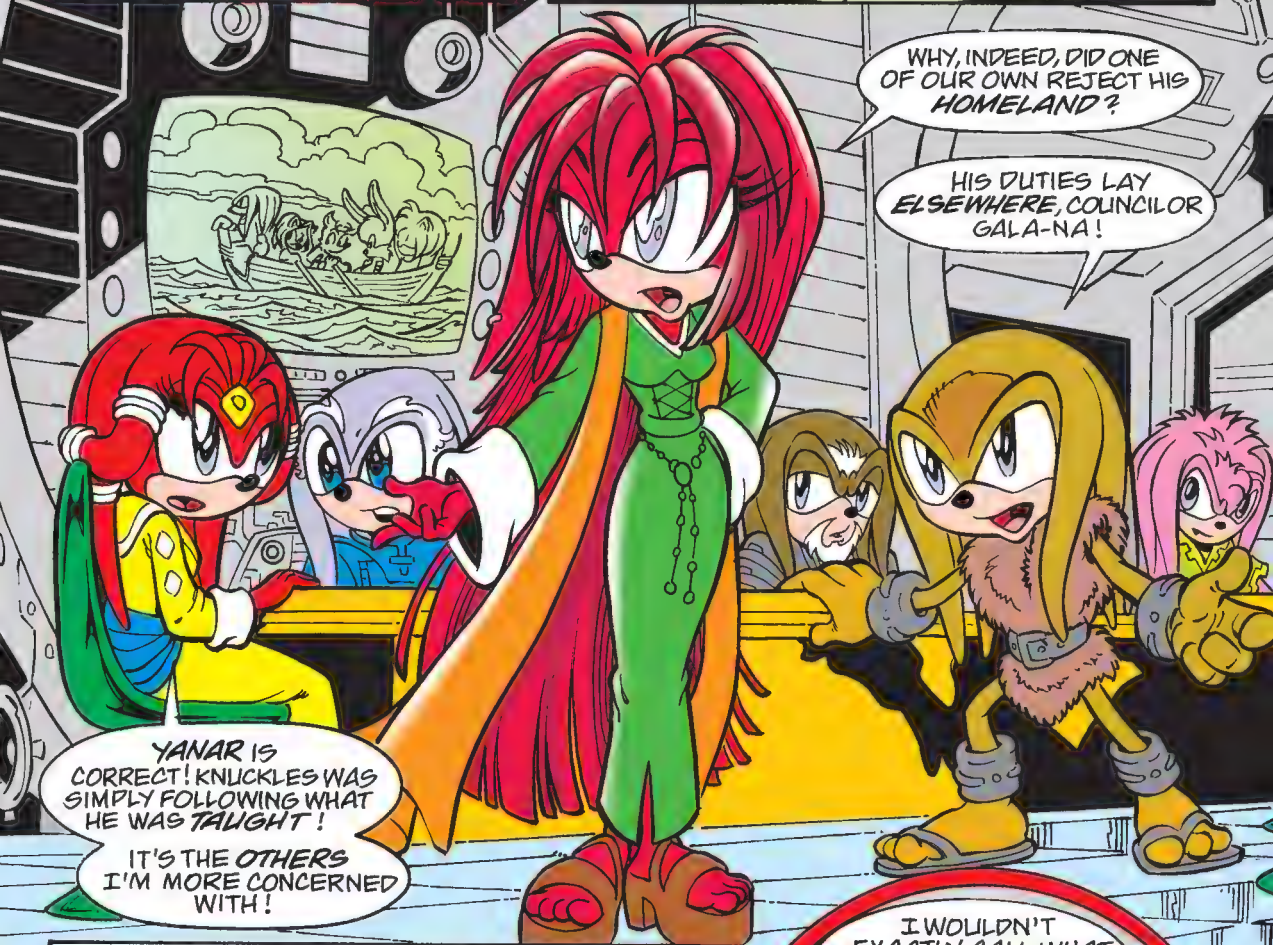
NOTHING MUCH, REALLY.

I SIMPLY LED 'EM TO THEIR NEW HOME, AND THEN I CUT OUT!



BUT WHY?

WEREN'T THEY YOUR KIND YOU WERE LEADING FRIEND YANAR AND THE OTHERS, TOO?



WHY, INDEED, DID ONE OF OUR OWN REJECT HIS HOMELAND?

HIS DUTIES LAY ELSEWHERE, COUNCILOR GALA-NA!

YANAR IS CORRECT! KNUCKLES WAS SIMPLY FOLLOWING WHAT HE WAS TAUGHT!

IT'S THE OTHERS I'M MORE CONCERNED WITH!

ROB O' THE HEDGE HAS ACTED AS OUR AGENT EVER SINCE THE DESPOT ROBOTNIK INSTALLED HIS LIEUTENANT WITHIN OUR SPHERE, COUNCILOR RITA-LI.

BUT NEITHER HE NOR ANY OUTSIDER HAS EVER TROD UPON OUR LAND!

UNTIL OUR RECENT GUEST, YOU MEAN!



I WOULDN'T EXACTLY CALL WHAT HE'S DOING TRODDING UPON OUR LAND!

BUT, IN CASE NONE OF YOU HAVE BEEN PAYING ATTENTION--



"--THE MALE COYOTE ABOARD BEARS A CONSIDERABLE RESEMBLANCE TO HIM!"

AS WE ENGAGED IN MORTAL COMBAT, THE FLAMES THAT BURNED THROUGHOUT SEPARATED US!

MINE EYES NEVER GAZED THE SIGHT OF HIM AFTERWARDS!

SO, WHAT CAN YOU TELL ME WHATEVER BECAME OF THE SHERIFF, MON AMI ?

HOLD THAT THOUGHT, ROB--

-- AS WE'VE JUST REACHED SHORE!

C'MON!

AND THE SHERIFF-- THERE WASN'T ANY WAY TO TELL--

-- IF HE SURVIVED?


WE NE'ER CROSSED PATHS AGAIN--

--NOR HAS HE EXERTED ANY INFLUENCE O'ER MY ROBOTICIZED BAND SINCE!

MAYBE YOU GUYS WEREN'T THE ONLY ONES HE WAS A THREAT TO!

AND IF YOU HADN'T PUT HIM DOWN FOR THE COUNT--





--MAYBE  
SOMEONE ELSE  
DID!

HUH?!!  
GALA-NA!!!

I DIDN'T THINK  
ANYONE KNEW I WAS  
COMING!

WE KNOW  
MORE THAN YOU  
REALIZE!

YOU EXCHANGE  
NOTES WITH MY  
RELATIVES?

WELCOME,  
KNUCKLES!

IT'S GOOD  
TO SEE YOU ONCE  
AGAIN!

SADLY, NO, YOUR  
FAMILY HAS ALWAYS BEEN  
THE MOST **INDEPENDENT**  
AMONG US!

I CAN'T  
BEGIN TO TELL  
YOU HOW MANY  
TIMES WE'VE  
PLEADED FOR  
THEIR RETURN  
TO THE  
**MOTHER-  
LAND!**

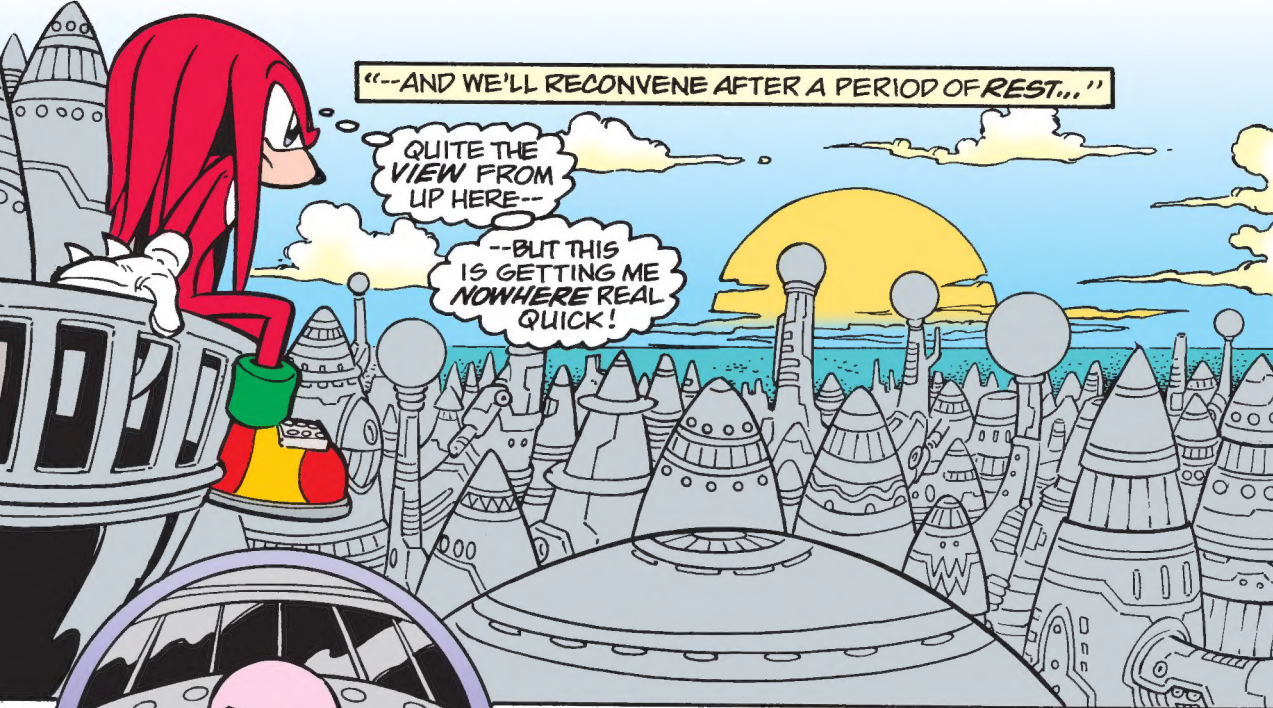
HOWEVER, I GATHER YOU  
HAVE PRESSING CONCERNS  
OF MORE IMPORTANCE TO  
YOU AT THIS TIME!

LIKE FINDING OUT  
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE  
**FLOATING ISLAND!**

IN TIME, KNUCKLES!

FOR NOW, ALLOW ME  
TO ESCORT YOU AND YOUR  
FRIENDS TO A PLACE OF  
**HOSPITALITY--**





"--AND WE'LL RECONVENE AFTER A PERIOD OF REST..."

QUITE THE  
VIEW FROM  
UP HERE--

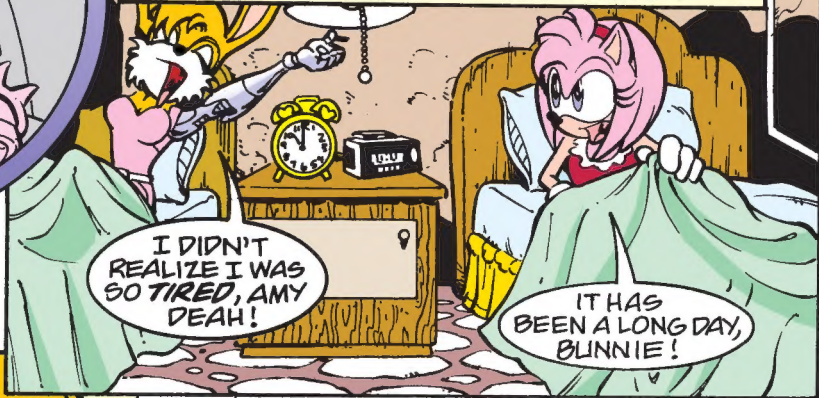
--BUT THIS  
IS GETTING ME  
NOWHERE REAL  
QUICK!



WHINING WON'T  
DO ANY GOOD!

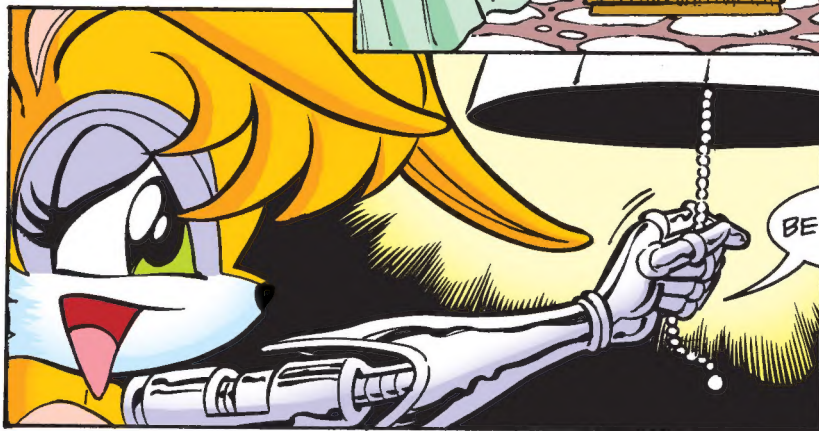
DAD WOULD JUST  
SAY "SUCK IT UP AND  
WORK TO RESOLVE THE  
PROBLEM!"

"I JUST GET THE FUNNY FEELING MY PROBLEM  
AIN'T THE PRIORITY AROUND HERE!"



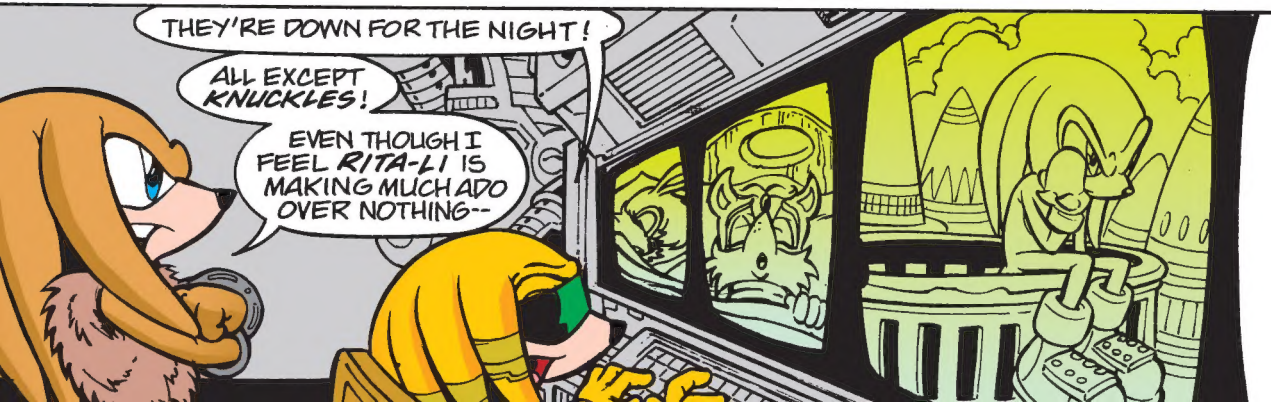
I DIDN'T  
REALIZE I WAS  
SO TIRED, AMY  
DEAH!

IT HAS  
BEEN A LONG DAY,  
BUNNIE!



GRAB SOME  
SHUTEYE,  
HON!

MORNING'LL  
BE HEAH BEFOAH YOU  
KNOW IT!

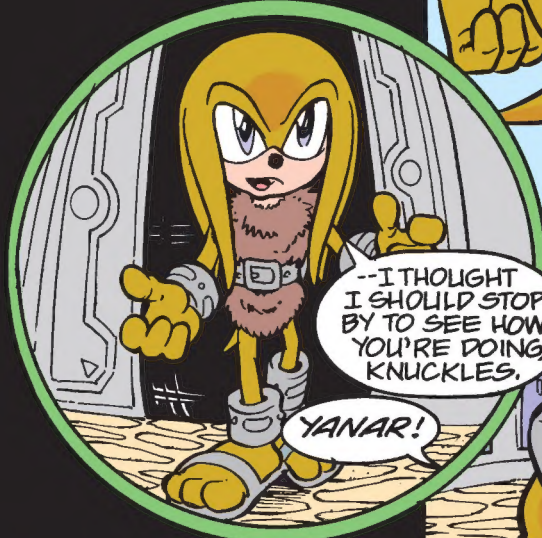


THEY'RE DOWN FOR THE NIGHT!

ALL EXCEPT  
KNUCKLES!

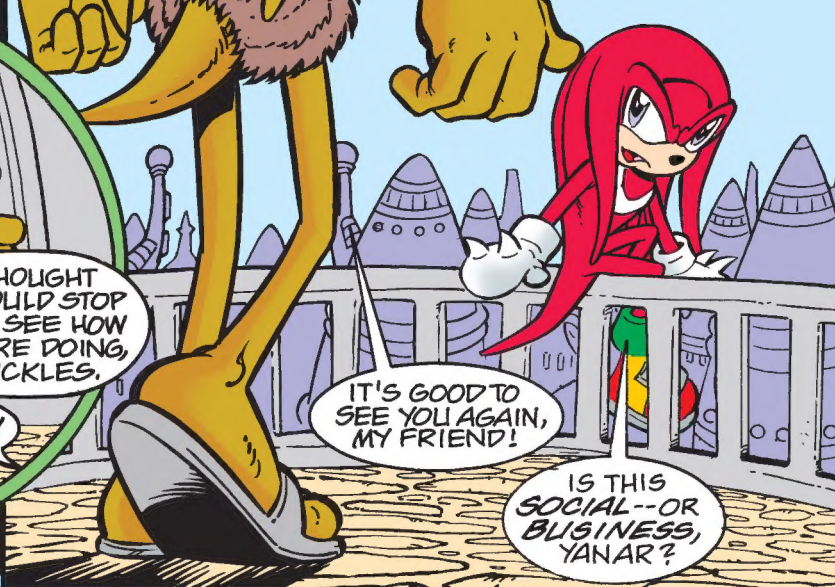
EVEN THOUGH I  
FEEL RITA-LI IS  
MAKING MUCH ADO  
OVER NOTHING--





--I THOUGHT I SHOULD STOP BY TO SEE HOW YOU'RE DOING, KNUCKLES.

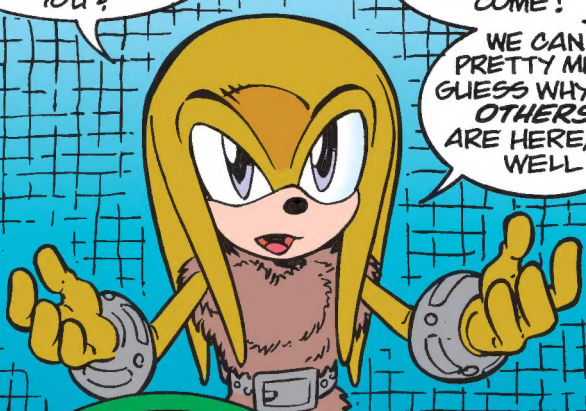
YANAR!



IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, MY FRIEND!

IS THIS SOCIAL--OR BUSINESS, YANAR?

YOU CUT RIGHT TO THE CHASE, DON'T YOU?



WE KNOW THE REASON YOU'VE COME!

WE CAN PRETTY MUCH GUESS WHY THE OTHERS ARE HERE, AS WELL!



YOU MEAN YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO THE FLOATING ISLAND ?!!

ALONG WITH EVERYONE ON IT?!!

AND NONE OF YOU ARE DOING ANYTHING ABOUT IT ?!!!



THERE WAS NOTHING WE COULD DO TO STOP IT FROM HAPPENING!

RIGHT NOW, WE HAVE A MORE IMMEDIATE PROBLEM!

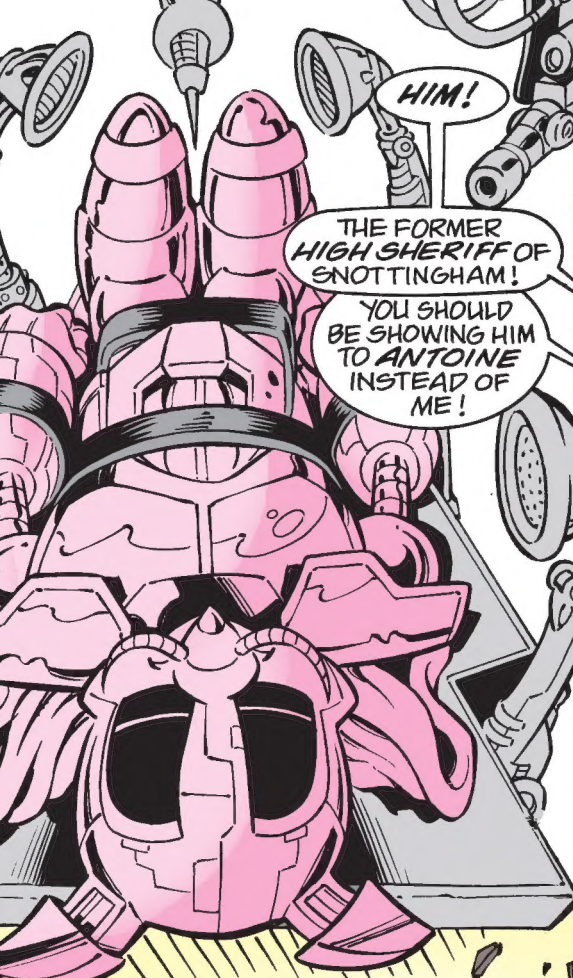
ONE THAT CONCERNS YOUR FRIENDS!



OH, YEAH? SUCH AS?



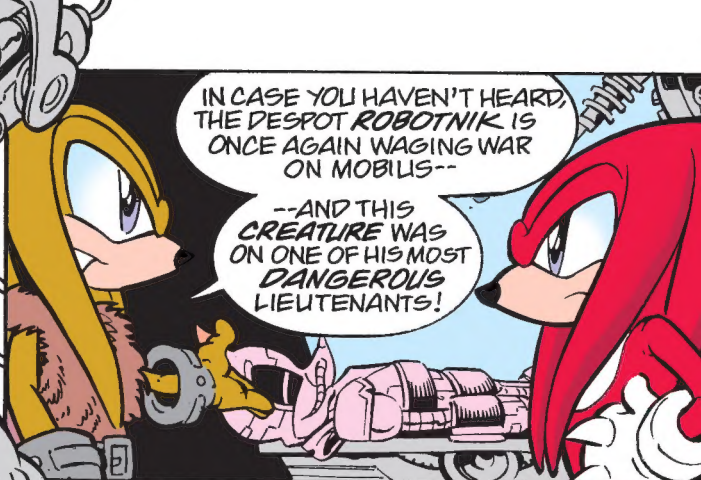




HIM!

THE FORMER  
HIGH SHERIFF OF  
SNOTTINGHAM!

YOU SHOULD  
BE SHOWING HIM  
TO ANTOINE  
INSTEAD OF  
ME!



IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T HEARD,  
THE DESPOT **ROBOTNIK** IS  
ONCE AGAIN WAGING WAR  
ON MOBIUS--

--AND THIS  
**CREATURE** WAS  
ON ONE OF HIS MOST  
**DANGEROUS**  
LIEUTENANTS!

YEAH, BUT IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE YOUR GUY IS  
GOING TO BE LEADING THE CHARGE ANYTIME  
SOON!



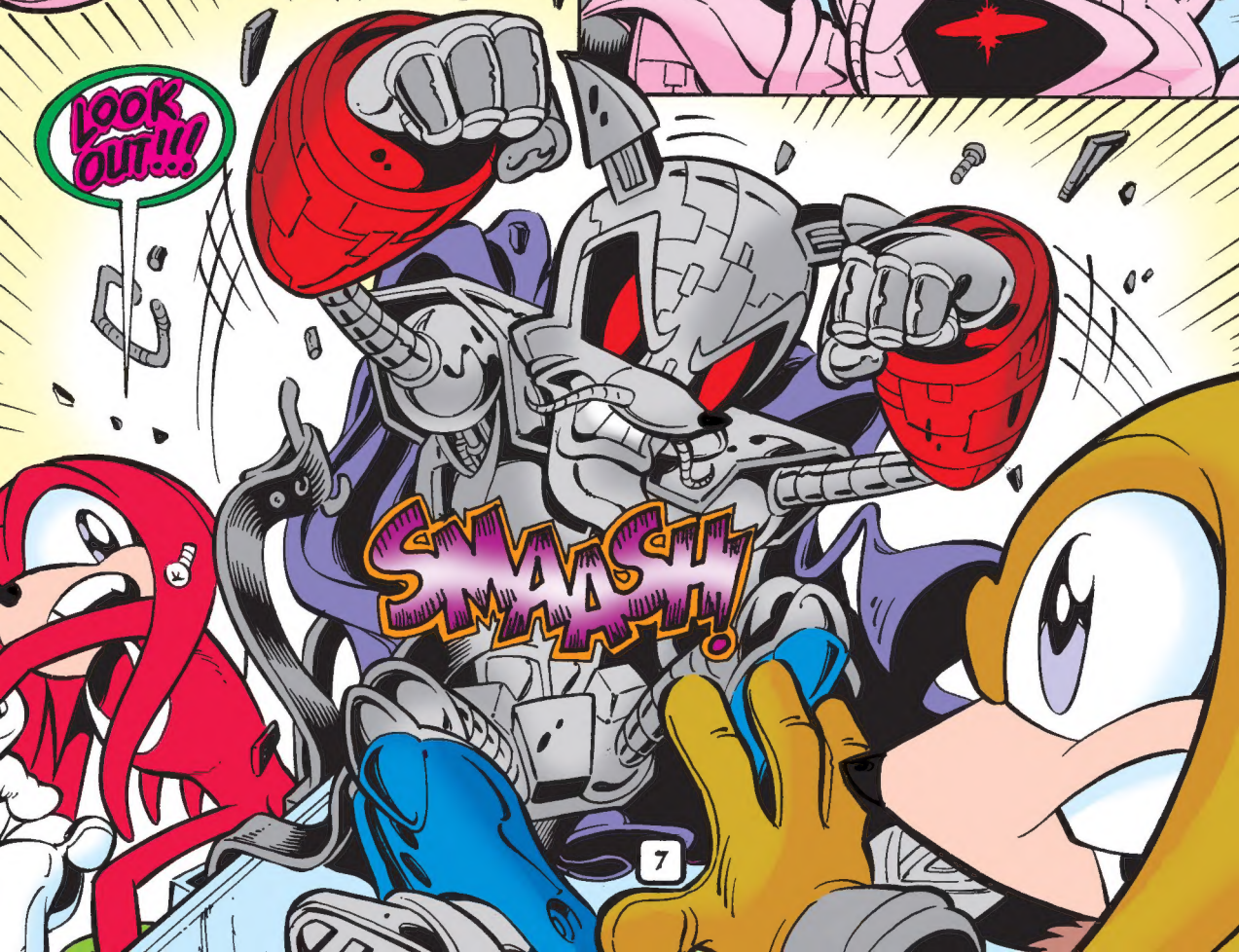
VERY POSSIBLY, BUT  
THE **HIGH COUNCIL** FEELS IT'S  
TOO RISKY TO TAKE ANY CHANCES!



WHICH MEANS--?

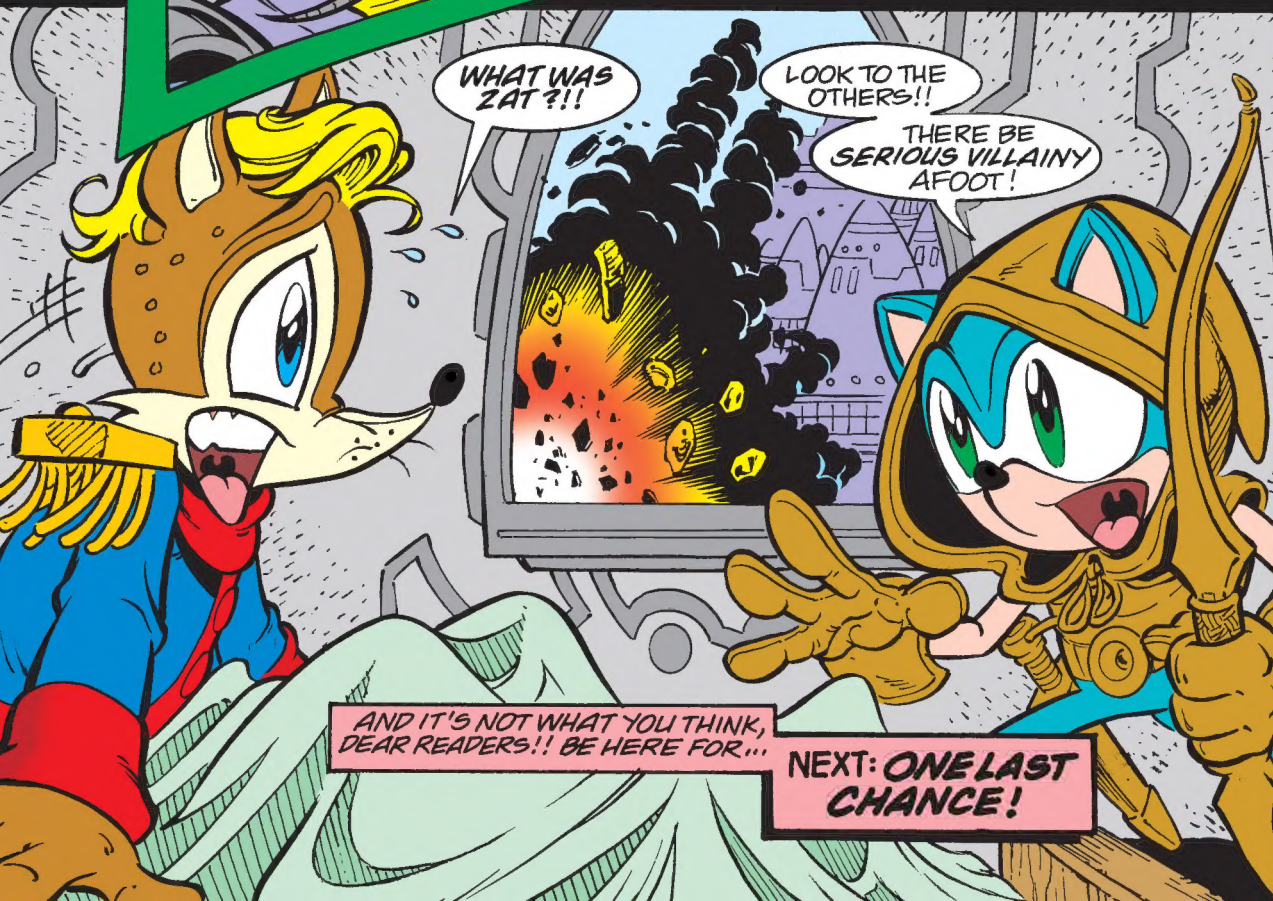
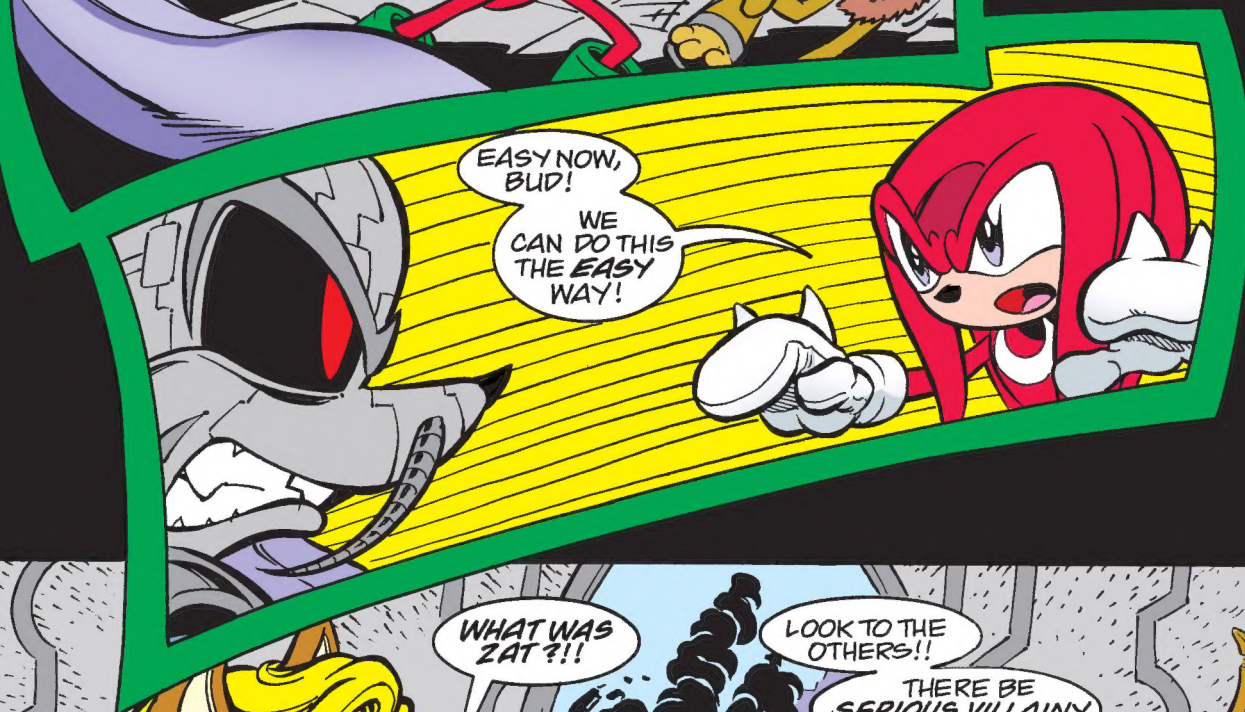
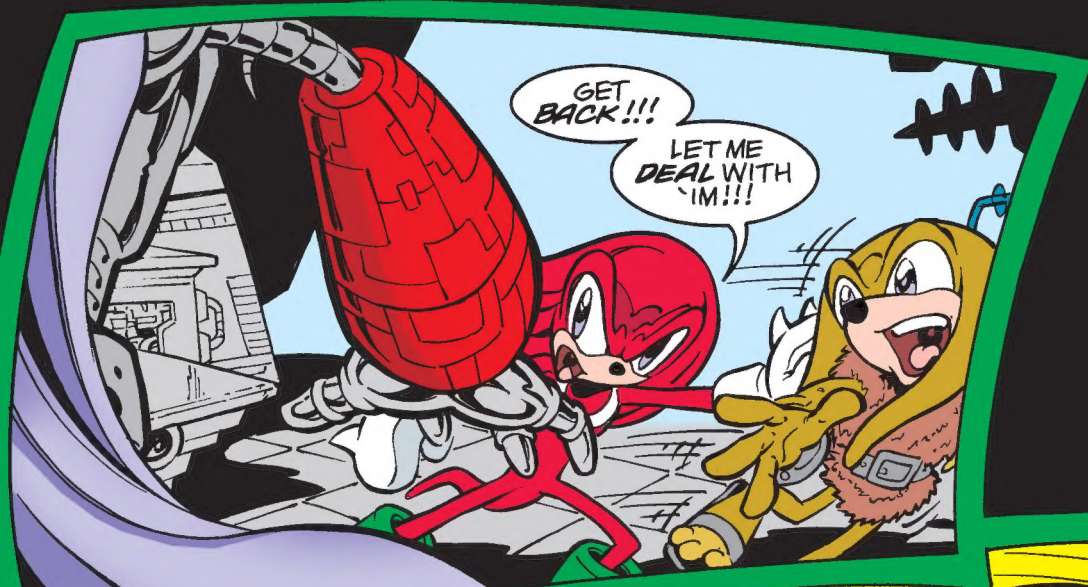
THEY'RE GOING  
TO **DE-ACTIVATE**  
HIM, ALL IN THE NAME  
OF THE **GREATER**  
**GOOD!**

LOOK  
OUT!!!



SWASH  
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AND IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK,  
DEAR READERS!! BE HERE FOR...

**NEXT: ONE LAST  
CHANCE!**